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Quarreling NATO Renews Search for a Leader Dutch See Humiliation by Washington After Lubbers Withdraws

Herald

By Tom Buerkle International Herald Tribune

BRUSSELS — The NATO allies sought to revive a spirit of unity on Friday as they relaunched them scales for a new alliance secretary-general, but the hunt was complicated by lingering dismay in European capitals all 16 allies, as happened to such embarrassing effect with Mr. Lubbers, spirit of unity on Friday as they relaunched their search

Dutch and French officials expressed strong concern over the U.S. decision, saying it raised questions made a mess, let's do it better this time. about the steadiness of American leadership and the willingness of Washington to give Europe a greater say in its own defense.

"If the United States has to demonstrate its leadership by publicly humiliating its allies, then there is something wrong with that leadership," said Gijs de Vries, the Dutch chairman of the Liberal Party bloc in the European Parliament.

But at alliance headquarters here, NATO ambassadors studiously avoided recriminations at a brief

half-hour meeting Friday afternoon.

They agreed to start a fresh round of consultations between national capitals before meeting again here next Thursday. And they stressed the need for extreme discretion to prevent any new candidate from being canvassed publicly before he or she wins support from

"There's enough blame to go around for every-one," one NATO official said. "The mood is, 'We've

A senior American official said the United States and its European allies were determined to prevent the leadership dispute from worsening and affecting the alliance's efforts to police a peace settlement in the former Yugoslavia and prepare for expansion into Eastern Europe.

minutes and the hiccups are going to go away. The withdrawal of Mr. Lubbers left Uffe Ellemann-

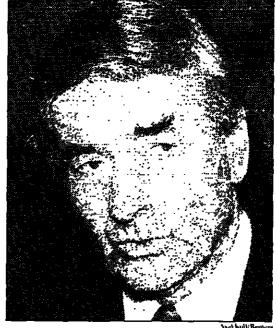
Jensen, the former Danish foreign minister, as the only declared candidate, but French officials indicated that he remained unacceptable for Paris.

Initial speculation among alliance officials centered on Sir Leon Brittan, the European Union's trade commissioner, and Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland of Norway. Hans van den Broek, the EU commissioner for external relations and a Dutchman, also could win support and provide consolation to the Netherlands, but both government officials and aides to Mr. van den Broek said he was determined to remain in his current post.

In the Netherlands, officials regarded Washington's rejection of Mr. Lubbers as an undeserved national alliance's efforts to police a peace settlement in the former Yugoslavia and prepare for expansion into Eastern Europe.

"We've got a huge agenda." the official said.
"This is a hiccup. Let's hold our breath for a couple of proval for the stationing of intermediate-range nuclear proval for the stationing of intermediate-range nuclear."

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Ruud Lubbers at a meeting in Berlin on Friday.

Defiant Act By Nigeria Military Rulers Rebuff Pleas for Clemency;

Executed in

By Stephen Buckley Washington Post Service

Clinton to Recall Envoy

NAIROBI - Nine Nigerian political activists, including the playwright Ken Saro-Wiwa, were hanged Friday despite pleas for clemency from foreign govern-

The executions are the latest incident to bring scorn on Africa's most populous country, whose military dictatorship has come under fiery criticism for humanrights abuses and corruption.

President Bill Clinton has decided to recall the U.S. ambassador to Nigeria for consultations to protest the executions.
Agence France-Presse reported from
Washington. The president also decided to
ban the sale of military equipment to the

Nigerian military government.

[The White House spokesman, Michael McCurry, said Mr. Clinton had directed the chief U.S. delegate to the United Nations. Madeleine K. Albright, to begin consultations immediately on appropriate UN measures "to condemn these actions."

Prime Minister John Major of Britain and President Nelson Mandela of South Africa demanded Nigeria's expulsion from the Commonwealth of former British colonies. The Associated Press reported from Auckland, New Zealand, where the group was meeting. "I do not myself see how Nigeria can stay in the Commonwealth until they return to democratic gov-ernment," Mr. Major said.]

Human-rights groups also assailed the death sentences, which were handed down last week and confirmed by Nigeria's military rulers Wednesday, and urged foreign governments to enact stiff sanctions against the nation of 100 million people. "We are shocked and outraged, and

astounded that these executions took place as quickly as they did," said Curt Goering. deputy executive director of Amnesty In-

extremists who branded Mr. Rabin a ternational U.S.A. "The international community needs to deliver a clear and consistent message that the kinds of behavior we have seen in the Other Likud officials tried to turn the last week will not be forgotten," he

Most prominent among those executed was Mr. Saro-Wiwa, president of a minority-rights group, the Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People. He and the

others were convicted of killing four progovernment Ogoni chiefs in May 1994. In criticizing the death sentences, rights groups said that Mr. Saro-Wiwa was not permitted to see his lawyers outside court.

The chairman of the special tribunal conducting the trial found that Mr. Saro-Wiwa was not at the crime scene, but was liable in the killings, saying his activism had fostered an environment for such violent

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"This is totally illogical reasoning." said Gani Fawehinmi, Mr. Saro-Wiwa's lead lawyer for most of the trial. "They simply wanted to douse any embers of agitation that might spread to other oilproducing areas.'

The Ogonis have accused the Nigerian government of allowing the oil industry to contaminate farms and fisheries in Ogoniland in the Niger River Delta.

Budget Standoff: Raising the Stakes in an Old Political Game

By Helen Dewar and John E. Yang Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - If the federal government shuts down next week, it will be President Bill Clinton's fault, the leader of the majority Republicans in the Senate, Bob Dole of Kansas, declared at finally got down to what passes for serious business a news conference: "His fingerprints are going to be

It is not easy to deal with a president who is "primarily driven by his political advisers to engage in public relations stunts," added the speaker of the House. Newt Gingrich of Georgia.

Never one to duck incoming fire during a budget fight, the White House chief of staff, Leon E. Panetta, a former chairman of the House Budget Committee,

responded in kind. "They have to begin acting like adults, live up to their responsibilities, even the unpleasant cnes," Mr. Panetta said of the Republican leadership. What they are doing, he added, amounts to "terrorism" and "blackmail."

In other words, the White House and Congress

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in negotiating a budget for the fiscal year that began more than a month ago — using the threat of a government shutdown and financial default to gain leverage in their struggle over how far to go in cutting

spending and taxes. However, analysts said the chances that the United

States would be plunged into default were virtually nil. (Page 10)

The House on Friday adopted temporary spending and borrowing bills, escalating the move toward a veto showdown with Mr. Clinton. The spending bill cleared the House, 224 to 172, and still has to go back to the Senate for approval, probably Monday. The debt-limit bill was passed, 219 to 185, and will go the White House.

But Mr. Clinton threatened vetoes of both because of extraneous provisions advancing the Republican agenda. That raises the specter of a government shutdown Tuesday and a tightening debt crisis as next

From their respective bunkers on Capitol Hill and at the White House, the combatants vowed never to

yield, and they traded angry insults in what appeared to be an increasingly desperate attempt to fix blame in advance for the consequences of their budget brinks-If all this sounds familiar, there is a reason. It is one

of the hardiest forms of business-as-usual in Wash-Since 1981, the government has been closed down

as a result of fiscal disagreements nine times, most recently over the Columbus Day holiday weekend in 1990. Although this shutdown, like most of the others, occurred when the government was closed anyway and was hardly noticed by most Americans, it was costly and disruptive, according to the General

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Vasser Arafat arriving in Gaza City for Friday prayer after a surprise condolence call on Leah Rabin in Tel Aviv. Page 5.

Israeli Right on Defensive After the Slaying of Rabin Likud Chief Sees 'McCarthyism' He argued that he consistently reproved

ment of the assassination. Israelis have ways within the bounds of democratic debeen locked in bitter debate on whether the savagery of the political struggle over making peace with the Palestinians fed the religious xenophobia that spawned the killing of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

There had been many warnings from politicians and commentators that the dispute was boiling beyond the limits of democratic debate. But it was only last Saturday, when a religious nationalist killed Mr. Rabin, that the country fully realized how dangerous the confrontation had become.

The immediate focus of accusations was the opposition Likud party and its chair- advocated civil disobedience as "ayatolman, Benjamin Netanyahu. Mr. Rabin's widow, Leah, pointedly refused to shake his hand at the funeral and assailed Mr. Netanyahu and his party in interviews. Other politicians on the left asserted that Likud had not reined in the extremists in its camp, and newspapers printed old inflammatory statements by rightist politicians. Mr. Netanyahu is fighting back fierce-

'This is sheer McCarthyism,' he declared in an interview, one of many he gave maligned. "What you are witnessing is a classic case of guilt by association.

"traitor" or "murderer," and that his own JERUSALEM --- Almost from the mo- criticism of government policies was al-

accusatory finger back toward the Labor added.

Israel arrests a 6th suspect in the assassination. Page 5.

Party, arguing that Mr. Rabin and members of the government coalition were no less harsh in their oratory. They pointed to references Mr. Rabin made to Likud as collaborators with Hamas," the militant Islamic movement, or branded rabbis who

Even in the most placid times, Israeli public debate is not known for being tempered or polite, and the Parliament is notorious for the jeers and insults that the members sling across the floor. For most of Israel's history, that was perceived as normal bickering within the family.

But the debate over the government's agreement with the Palestinians to swap land for peace reached to the heart of a bitter and fundamental disagreement that to complain that he was being unfairly has divided the Jews, between those who

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One diplomat in Nigeria called the Ogonis' trial "a show" in which "there was no

basic due process."

AGENDA

Germany Sentences American Spy

Schevitz, on Friday of spying for former East Germany and sentenced him to 18 months in jail, then freed him on three Mr. Schevitz, 55, had been charged

with providing the Stasi intelligence agency with West German nuclear information from 1977 through 1990. Mr. Schevitz admitted he spied for the

East Germans but claimed he was working as a double agent for the CIA. Prosecutors had sought a prison sentence of 3½ years. They said Mr. Schevitz.

STUTTGART (AP) — A state court received \$23,000 while he was working convicted an American professor, Jeffrey for the Stasi but admitted the information

to work for the CIA by Shepard Stone, a U.S. diplomat who died in 1990. Mr. Schevitz later told the court he had seven CIA contact officers, prompting

Chief Judge Helmut Holzapfel to admon-

ish him for repeatedly changing his story The CLA in Washington and Mr. Stone's widow both denied that Mr. Stone had had anything to do with Mr.

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Commonwealth Enrages Major on N-Tests

By Philip Shenon New York Times Service

AUCKLAND, New Zealand - With thousands of anti-nuclear protesters pouring into the streets and marching beneath banners that read "Major Disgrace," Britain's former colonies, released a communiqué condemning the French tests in Polynesia, which resumed in September.

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South Pacific has created a serious rift has been expressed by our Commonwealth between Britain and most of the rest of the colleagues is just plain wrong, just plain Commonwealth of Nations, the 52-mem-wrong."

ber association that opened a summit meeting Friday in New Zealand's largest city. Over Mr. Major's objections, the Commonwealth, which represents a quarter of

in their statement is factually inaccurate.

The attacks on Mr. Major by his critics in the Commonwealth have been even harsher. and more personal. Prime Minister Paul Keating of Australia came to the meeting

demn such actions," Mr. Keating said last Mr. Major's refusal to condemn the re-sumption of French nuclear testing in the anced." He added, "I think the view that Major's personal style at the earlier Commonwealth summit meetings. "John sort of runs these conferences with a bit of a

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In Central Asia, a Desert Horse Gallops Back From Soviet Abyss By Alessandra Stanley

ASHKHABAD, Turkmenistan — Stalin is usually associated with the most brutal Soviet crimes, but in Turkmenistan it is the memory of Nikita S.

Khrushchev that makes people shudder. In this sand-swept Central Asian republic, Mr. Khrushchev is reviled as the Communist Party boss who ordered the slaughter of thousands of Akhal-Teke horses, a breed that had been ridden by desert nomads for thousands of years.

they gave neither milk nor meat," said Meretov sensitive face, slender legs and long swanlike neck. Bazarbay, deputy director of the Turkmen Akhal-the Akhal-Teke is quirkily elegant, Audrey Hepbum Teke Horse Association, the main state horse-breed- to the Kim Novak-like thoroughbreds that dominate was an Akhal-Teke. ing farm in Ashkhabad. "He said that now that we the Western racing world.

have tractors, the horses should be made into

rule. Four years after independence from Moscow, gan. Turkmenistan has reclaimed them as its national symbol. The government and a few private horse breeders are seeking to replenish the stock and return the almost forgotten breed to prominence.

There are close to 2,000 Akhal-Teke horses in the world, about half of them in Turkmenistan. (There are about 100 in the United States.)

The Akhal-Teke is bred for beauty and stamina Khrushchev said our horses were useless because rather than speed. With its shimmering coat, thin,

sausage."

of Central Asia, 4,000 years ago, that the norse was
Akhal-Tekes came close to extinction under Soviet first domesticated, and there that horse-breeding be-

The Akhal-Teke is the first pureblood horse in history," said Jonathan Maslow, who wrote a book, "Sacred Horses," about his efforts to ride the Akhal-Teke in Soviet-ruled Turkmenistan. "It is the direct ancestor of the English thoroughbred."

In its eagerness to promote the Akhal-Teke, official Turkmen literature tends to make wild claims. One pamphlet insists that a Akhal-Teke stallion sold for \$50 million in 1986, an assertion that makes even Turkmen breeders snicker. Another states that Alexander the Great's famous steed, Bucephalus.

Many historians believe that it was on the steppes menistan, a desert nation of 4.5 million, and the main of Central Asia, 4.000 years ago, that the horse was attraction at traditional weddings and circumcision ceremonies. But Turkmen breeders complain that the Akhal-Teke is still misunderstood and underestimated in the West.

And so do Akhal-Teke breeders in the United

"This horse is very people-oriented, very athletic and so elegant," said Philip Case, who spotted the Akhal-Teke in a coffee-table book and bought his first in 1978 at a Moscow auction. He and his wife. Margo, train 30 purebreds on their farm in Staunton.

Virginia, in dressage, jumping and distance racing.
"But we haven't had much commercial success vet." he said. "The Akhal-Teke is smaller than the as an Akhal-Teke. fad, and nobody knows the horse. He said they sell horse races are immensely popular in Turk- in the West for about \$6,000 to \$10,000.

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Spain Orders Inquiry on Alleged Blackmail of King

By Barry James

The Spanish government ordered a public figures. top-level inquiry on Friday into allegations that two financiers, both of deputy prime minister, Narcís Serra whom face criminal trials, were using Serra, and the defense minister, Julian confidential information about King Juan Carlos I as leverage to have the charges dropped.

The allegations are made in a new book, "The Looting of Spain," about Juan Alberto Belloch, said that "in the former banker Mario Conde and view of the gravity of these reports" he the Catalan financier Javier de la had asked the attorney general to in-

Prime Minister Felipe González confirmed to Parliament this past week that he had met with a lawyer for Mr. Conde about the return of secret documents illegally removed from the

Earlier this year, the former head of published in Friday editions of the em France. Many of those murdered ernment in December 1993. military intelligence service.

was indicted for tapping the king's cellular telephone and those of other

That revelation led to the fall of the García Vargas.

The intelligence service was said to have spied on the king for 10 years. The minister of justice and interior, vestigate possible criminal action over the allegations made in the book.

The attorney general, Carlos Granados, said he would open an inquiry immediately.

Excerpts from the book, by José Diaz Herrera and Isabel Duran, were terrorists in northern Spain and south- which was taken over by the gov-

king to ensure that they would be Basque separatist movement. cleared of charges.

he would bring down the king rather than return to prison.

Mr. Conde issued a statement stating, "It is flatly, totally and absolutely false that I had anything to do, directly or indirectly, with alleged blackmail." official residence.

Mr. González told Parliament on Wednesday that the government had failed to recover hundreds of intelligence files relating to Spain's 1980s

information they possessed about the have had no connection with the

Rejecting opposition allegations They quote Mr. de la Rosa as saying that he was aware of the dirty war from the planning stage, Mr. González said he rejected a demand for \$110 million for the return of the documents made by a lawyer, Jesus Santaella, at a meeting in the summer. Mr. Santaella represents both Mr. Conde and the op-There was no immediate comment erations chief of the intelligence from the Zarzuela Palace, the king's service, Colonel Juan Alberto Perote, who is accused of taking the documents unlawfully.

Mr. Conde faces charges of misappropriation of funds and forgery following the discovery of a major short-"dirty war" against Basque separatist fall in funds at his Banesto Bank,

the service, Emilio Alonso Manglano, newspaper Diario 16. They said the was indicted for tapping the king's two financiers agreed to use damaging to two financiers agreed to use damaging to the service, Emilio Alonso Manglano, newspaper Diario 16. They said the by hit squads paid out of secret government funds were later found to leased from prison after putting up with the collapse of his Gran Tibidabo financial empire. He is also being sued in Madrid and London by the Kuwait Investment Office, which sank an estimated \$5 billion into a holding company, Grupo Torras, of which Mr. de la Rosa was the vice president.

In a radio interview, Mr. de la Rosa said he had paid 12 billion pesetas to one of King Juan Carlos's advisers, Manuel Prado y Colón de Carvajal, on the orders of the Kuwait Investment Office. He intimated that the money was a payment from Kuwait to thank Spain for its help in the Gulf War.

Mr. Prado on Friday denied having received any money, but acknowledged that he had done business with Mr. de la Rosa.

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BRUSSELS - The 15 Eu-

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sorted out internal differences

blocking a broad cooperation

up was a bilateral accord be-

tween Portugal and Morocco on

The last detail to be wrapped

Swedish No. 2 Quits in Scandal

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STOCKHOLM — Deputy Prime Minister Mona Sahlin resigned Friday in a scandal over misuse of a government credit card and late payment of debts.

Ms. Sahlin, under criminal investigation after revelations that she charged diapers, clothes and chocolate on the card, said in an impassioned farewell that she had also decided to withdraw her candidacy for the prime ministership.

The fiery 38-year-old who once was the youngest member of Sweden's Parliament had been the favorite to take over the post of party leader from Prime Minister Ingvar Carisson. which becomes vacant in March.



Deputy Prime Minister Mona Sahlin announcing her resignation in Stockholm over the credit card affair.

Irish Police Find Border Bombs

BELFAST - Irish policemen found two huge bombs close to the border with Northern Ireland on Friday, foiling a plot by breakaway republican guerrillas to shatter the province's delicate, year-old peace.

Police units launched a dawn swoop and found more than 1,000 pounds (454 kilograms) of explosives in a parked van and a cylinder-bomb with 600 pounds of explosives. Three men were detained, one of them said to be linked to

the shadowy Irish National Republican Army, and police teams backed up by helicopters carried out an intensive search for three who escaped. The devices were uncovered near Carrickmacross in County Monaghan.

Russia Disputes Arms Treaty

VIENNA - Russia and the West remain locked in dispute over a key European arms treaty and might fail to resolve it before a Nov. 17 deadline for final implementation of the accord, diplomats said Friday.

A West European diplomat said the Russians might refuse to carry on the talks after the deadline, threatening the collapse of what is widely regarded as the cornerstone of pos Cold War European security.

Moscow has pushed for changes in the Conventional Forces in Europe treaty for the past two years because it wants to deploy more military hardware on its northern and southem flanks than the treaty allows.

Bonn Delays Islamic Meeting

BONN - A conference on Europe and the Islamic world to have been held in Bonn next week has been postponed after Parliament voted Friday to withdraw an invitation to Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati of Iran, the German foreign minister, Klaus Kinkel, announced.

The surprise Bundestag vote was taken on an opposition motion against the wishes of the government, which had invited Mr. Velayati to the German-hosted conference.

The opposition parties acted because of a statement by the Iranian president, Hashemi Rafsanjani, that assassinated Israeli prime minister, Yitzhak Rabin, had been a victim of "the vengeance of God."

Berlusconi Trial Stays in Milan

ROME - Former Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi failed Friday in his bid to have his forthcoming trial on corruption charges moved from Milan, where he says anti-graft magistrates are pursuing a political witch hunt.

The Court of Cassation, Italy's highest court, said it had ruled that the trial should go ahead as planned in the city, where it is scheduled to open Jan. 17. Mr. Berlusconi's lawyers had tried to get it moved to Brescia.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Air France Flights Halted

PARIS (Reuters) — Air France canceled about 15 percent of its flights on Friday, the second day of a three-day strike by cabin crew over wages for new employees, an airline spokeswoman said. She said 10 percent of flights would be canceled Saturday, the last day of the

She said the French flag carrier had canceled 15 of its scheduled 82 long-haul flights and 53 of 365 flights on European and North African Iberia and its subsidiary Aviaco said.

Air France said its president, Christian Blanc, had invited the six unions representing cabin of participation in the strike and the "conclusions that he has drawn from this strike.

U.K. Issues Florida Caution

TALLAHASSEE, Florida (AP) - Tourism officials are furning over a new British travel advisory that warns visitors to Florida not to wear flashy jewelry or walk in run-down areas. The Florida advisory stems from a spate of tourist-related crimes in 1992 and 1993, inlong span that tamished the state's vacation

Florida is the only state mentioned in a travel bulletin from Britain's Foreign and Commonwealth Office, U.S. tourism officials said. The month. bulletin also includes advisories for Egypt. Kenya, South Africa, Russia and Turkey.

avoiding "ostentatious jewelry" and "walking in obviously run-down areas," the advisory suggests visitors not sleep in cars.

ilant about their personal security." Besides

Flights in Spain Disrupted MADRID (AFP) — Flights by Spain's Iberia

and Aviaco airlines were seriously disrupted again Friday by striking pilots.

More than half of all flights were abandoned.

It was the sixth day of strikes this month by pilots at the struggling state-owned Iberia, who are protesting a restructuring plan to save the crew to a meeting on Monday to discuss the rate company. Further strikes are planned for Mon-

day and Tuesday. Pilots of the domestic Aviaco line were mounting their third day of strike action in support of demands for a plan guaranteeing the

Moscow Sets Subway Work

MOSCOW (AP) - The Russian government has ordered a modernization of subway cars in the cluding the deaths of nine visitors during a year- like the one that struck Baku, killing nearly 300 riders, the metro's director said Friday.

> perts was drawing up a list of recommendations after traveling to the Azerbaijani capital this -

scheduled service between London Heathrow and Washington toward the end of next spring.

U.S. Drive for Tighter Iran Sanctions Gains Speed

By R. Jeffrey Smith

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WASHINGTON — The pressed a new willingness to W.S. companies already have work with congressional Republicans on legislation to ness with Iran, which the Unitinghten existing U.S. trade sancer of States has accused of feet and troversial proposal by the House speaker, Newt Gingrich, a Georgia Republican, to create and the same of States has accused of feet and troversial proposal by the House speaker, Newt Gingrich, a Georgia Republican, to create tighten existing U.S. trade sanc- ed States has accused of fos- a multimillion-dollar covert intions against Iran by punishing tering terrorism and threatening telligence program aimed at testing terrorism and threatening telligence program aimed at its neighbors. But dozens of foreign companies that assist its neighbors. But dozens of foreign companies have been in government, officials said. ural gas, senior U.S. officials vited to attend a conference in

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Airlines Urged to Share Data

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Board has asked the airline industry to

develop a system for collecting and shar-

The agency acted after a report that

blamed a fatal 1994 crash on a pilot hired

by an airline that did not know he had

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the officials said this week. and congressional sources say. Tehran this month where gov-The legislation could spark a ernment contracts worth up to measures to pressure Iran, it

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While the administration now supports taking additional

would carry substantial risks of lizing Iran in the fiscal 1996 fostering new Iranian hatred of intelligence reauthorization the United States and would be bill. The comparable Senate bill in the near future.

sidered before."

Mr. Gingrich, with support from Republican members of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, has been equally adamant that up to

"It's a bad idea," said one legislation has been delayed official, and "harder than one while the dispute is resolved. The administration's decithinks to make this happen. It's sion to begin negotiating with not as if this hasn't been con-Congress on sanctions legislation was first signaled publicly Thursday by Undersecretary of State Peter Tarnoff. He told the House International Relations

conflict between the United \$6 billion will be available for claims that any attempt to bring \$18 million should be made States and some of its principal bids — a well-publicized event down the Iranian government available for covertly destabi-

Committee that "we share your desire to explore additional steps that increase pressure on Iran" and "are interested in cooperating" with lawmakers

who want to limit Iran's revenues from oil and gas.

A month ago, Mr. Tarnoff told the Senate Banking Committee that the administration opposed a bill sponsored by the panel's chairman, Alfonse M. D'Amato, a New York Republican, that would impose a variety of penalties against foreign companies that aid Iraq's oil and gas work. But since then, administration officials have noted with concern that the Republican effort to enact such a bill picked up steam and

contains no such provision, and

a conference to produce final

attracted Democratic support. We sense a certain inevitability in Congress wanting to move forward on this, so we are now willing to talk with them," an official said.

Mr. D'Amato's bill would force the executive branch to bar the chief executives of the relevant foreign companies from entering the United States. ban U.S. government purchases exports by their U.S. subto such companies and refuse

their imports. The bill has 31 co-sponsors, including five Democrats and citrus products and tomatoes, two Republican presidential officials said. They said these of Kansas and Phil Gramm of rocco. Texas. A similar bill has been introduced in the House by

Representative Benjamin A. cooperation accord at a con-Gilman, Republican of New York, and Representative 27-28. Howard L. Berman, Democrat That of California, with co-sponsor- to discuss broadening the Euship by 13 Democrats and 18 ropean Union's political and Republicans. Representatives Sam Geidenson, Democrat of Connecticut, and Dan Burton, Republican of Indiana, introduced their own, even tougher trade agreement by 2010. bill on Thursday.

Algeria Militants Blamed in Killing Of a French Nun

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispositors curity forces said Friday.

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morning, the security forces said in a statement carried by the state news agency APS. The nuns are members of the Little Sisters of the Sacred Heart. The attack was carried out six days before a presidential

: guerrillas.

arms after the government canceled an election in January 1992 that an Islamic fundamentalist party was poised to win. have vowed to attack voters. (Reuters, AP)

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the quantity of canned sardines to be allowed into the EU and the length of time to phase out tariff quotas. 'We have a deal. We only now need the council to confirm our bilateral agreement, a Portuguese diplomat said, referring to the Council of Min-Morocco had been offered

the phasing out of tariffs over two years. Portugal demanded a four-year period. The bilateral accord is for three years.

But in reply Morocco immediately demanded the re-

opening of talks on an accord already reached in principle on access for EU boats to Moroccan fishing grounds, and diplomats said talks on that could continue into the night.

Earlier, Portugal agreed with the European Commission that it would receive 2.2 million Ecus (\$2.8 million) in new money to support its sardine from such companies and bar canning industry, with a further 15 million Ecus being shuffled

sidiaries. It also would give the from existing sources and put into the industry. The EU members also resolved among themselves trade disputes involving cut flowers,

candidates, Senators Bob Dole now had to be approved by Mo-The Commission and Morocco hope to sign the broad ference in Barcelona on Nov.

> That meeting has been called economic cooperation with North African and East Mediterranean nations. The ultimate goal is to reach a free

The EU hopes the trade accord with Morocco will help usher in a new phase in Europe's relations with North Africa and the Middle East.

The agreement has also assumed importance because the EU has refused to sign a separate accord to end a dispute over EU access to Moroccan fishing grounds until the broad-

er agreement is ready.
(AP. Reuters)

ALGIERS - Islamic miltants are suspected of killing a French nun and wounding a second outside their home in an area of Algiers dominated by fundamentalists. Algerian se-

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needed to send a check for \$39 as a collection fee. More than 1,300 responses poured in from 38 states. The letters erating as American Eagle, after being looked genuine because they were sent via recommended for dismissal by another aircertified mail and contained an impressive line, Comair. Flagship was not aware of oking winner's certificate. Federal in-

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Robert William Gordon 3d of Atlanta faces federal fraud charges for allegedly sending out letters telling recipients that they had won \$50,000 and just

lines and private pilot-training schools | box. Fortunately, none had been cashed. collect and maintain standardized information on pilot skills, abilities, knowledge and judgment.

Short Takes

A U.S. Census Bureau study shows that the idea of single motherhood is becoming more common among educated career women. In 1992, 6.0 percent of women with bachelor's degrees who had never married had had children, up from 2.7 percent 10 years earlier. At the same time, the number of young, single black women having out-of-wedlock babies declined from 48.8 percent in 1982 to 46.2 percent in 1992.

vestigators found more than \$50,000 in see one of my movies. The board recommended that all air- checks in Mr. Gordon's post office

bled behind the counter and handed him the wrong-size coffee cup, half full, dur-

ing his nightly doughnut shop stop. "I figured this person doesn't work there.' Sergeant Michael Regan said. He radioed for help and arrested Ella Harold, 26. Two

A policeman in Cheitenham Town-

ship, Pennsylvania, knew something

was up when an unfamiliar waitress fum-

employees who had been held up and locked in a back room were released. About People The actor Bruce Willis told a TV inerviewer that he and his wife, the actress Demi Moore, have moved with their three small daughters from Southern California to Hailey, Idaho, where his mother lives.

place," he said, "and I'm trying to keep that away from my kids as much as I can. Kirstie Alley got a star on Holly-wood's Walk of Fame, and she thanked absolutely everybody --- her fans and

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overcrowded Moscow metro to avoid a tragedy Dmitri Gayev also said a team of metro ex-

future of the company.

Senator Details Tainted CIA Reports

By Walter Pincus Washington Post Service

THE UPOP

WASHINGTON — The CIA sent the White House and the Pentagon 35 sensitive reports on Soviet and Russian weapons development and arms-control issues between 1986 and 1994 without any indication that they came from sources that some agency officers knew to be under Moscow's control, according to Arlen Specter, the chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence.

On 60 other reports, the agency had "some concern" about the reliability of the sources, and the Pentagon was occasion-

Mr. Specter, Republican of Pennsylvania.

His comments, following a two-hour committee hearing Thursday, provided new details about the recent revelation that the CIA passed intelligence data to other U.S. agencies without disclosing suspifrom sources controlled by Moscow's in-

telligence service, the KGB. In a sign that the scandal may not have been as costly as originally feared, several senators said the tainted reports may not have resulted in billions of dollars of additional defense spending to combat nonexistent military threats posed by planted information. That estimate had been given some concern as to source" although never

suspicious sources.

With 11 reports that were sent to prescions that some of the information came idents -- Ronald Reagan, George Bush or Bill Clinton - there was less disclosure of suspicions about sources than when the same information was sent to the Pentagon, Mr. Specter said.

Those 11 reports contained "no indication at all as to the question of source," he said. But when the material went to the Pentagon it included "some indication of ally informed about those concerns, said as the worst case possibility last week, an indication it was a controlled source.

Simpson Is Relaxed, Upbeat 'Character' Is What Counts Most, He Says

NEPTUNE, New Jersey — O.J. Simpson says that people have supported rather than shunned him since his acquittal, and that he has learned that fame and wealth contains the said that when he was in Panama City, Florida, "I didn't get one negative thing. They were very protective of me, shunned him since his acquittal, and go on with your life." It's Mr. Simpson said he befame and wealth are illusions, insisting, "The only thing that ple believe in the system." endures is character."

respectively.

opening bid of \$1 million.

By Dana Priest

Washington Post Service

entire navy to take a day off

from normal duties to "take a

will affect 430,000 active-duty

was called in 1992 to discuss

The chief of naval operations,

hard look at ourselves."

and standards of conduct.

WASHINGTON — Follow-

encouraging to know that peo-

Mr. Simpson, refusing to an-"Everywhere I go, even peo-ple who drive by the house here his murder trial, declared his are totally positive," Mr. Simp-son said from his Los Angeles he would talk about the trial at a innocence once more and said

She Loses Case, Wins

\$4.2 Million for Book

Los Angeles Times

unable to convict O.J. Simpson of murder, has signed the third most lucrative nonfiction book contract in the history of

American publishing.

Viking-Penguin, a New York-based publisher, announced

it would pay the deputy district attorney \$4.2 million for the world rights to a manuscript that will be produced with the

help of an as-yet-unnamed co-author. Only generals Colin L. Powell and H. Norman Schwarzkopf, who led the allied forces to victory in the Gulf War, have received more

lucrative publishing deals - \$6 million and \$5 million,

Ms. Clark's contract was negotiated by representatives from the William Morris Agency, including Norman Brokaw, the company's chairman. The agency also has secured a \$1.5 million book advance for Ms. Clark's co-

counsel in the Simpson case, Deputy District Attorney

Mr. Brokaw said he also was negotiating film deals for

According to a Viking source, Ms. Clark's untitled book will be 'a strong indictment of the criminal justice system from her point of view. It will also be the definitive O.J.

courtroom account. It will not delve into her personal life."

The book deal capped an unusual process in which pub-

lishers were invited to bid on a book for which no written proposal existed and for which no co-author had been se-

lected. Instead, Ms. Clark herself flew to New York and met

in person with various publishers. The publishers were then

invited to participate in an auction that began with a requisite

favorable impression during her meetings in New York that eight publishers initially bid for her book.

ing what he called a rash of William J. Perry recently or-

cases of sexual misconduct by dered a more limited stand-

naval personnel, capped by the down of U.S. military person-

disclosure of a groping incident aboard a commercial airliner, the navy's top admiral has an-and rape of a 12-year-old Ok-

nounced that he will order the inawan schoolgirl involving a

Admiral Jeremy M. Boorda, day that a chief petty officer said the "stand-down," which allegedly groped a junior enwill affect 430,000 active-duty listed woman while the two

personnel, would take place in flew across country on an

the near future. It is a procedure American Airlines flight. in which each unit stops its nor- While the woman screamed and

mal work and gathers to listen cursed and tried to push the man

and discuss navy regulations away, the 20 or so other sailors

sexual harassment in light of tigative Service is investigating ment

The last all-navy stand-down cers, did little to intercede.

According to publishing sources, Ms. Clark created such a

Navy Orders a Day of Reflection

New Harassment Cases Spur 'Hard Look' at Conduct

the 1991 Tailhook scandal in

male colleagues at an annual

convention. Defense Secretary

navy seaman and two Marines.

Admiral Boorda's announcement follows a report in The Washington Post on Thurs-

on board, including two offi-

The Naval Criminal Inves-

the 1991 Tailhook scandal in the case, which caught navy of-which naval aviators groped fe-ficials in Washington off guard

LOS ANGELES - Marcia Clark, the prosecutor who was

"I was in an 8-by-10 cell. home in two calls Thursday to a reporter who covered his trial.

The would talk about the trial at a time in the not-too-distant furce.

Now I can go in a bunch of rooms. I've even been in a couple of restaurants,'' he said.

He has also visited the homes of friends, who he said have remained loyal.

lieved the press overempha-sized the views of those who

disagree with the jury's verdict,

"They used to say if you've got one friend you're lucky," Mr. Simpson said. "But I have so many very, very good friends. Some people who I've felt were only friendly acquaintances have turned out to be very good friends."

Mr. Simpson said that he was planning to spend the weekend with his two children, and spoke warmly of their relation-

'They're doing great," he

and her friend Ronald Gold-

He sounded relaxed and busy, optimistic man, unwilling might-be candidate. to let anything get him down. Mr. Simpson said he was dis-

him and then criticized the jury's verdict. Reasonable doubt, he said, was never the issue. "Reasonable doubt is something that all my lawyers will tell you I forbade them to say to

reasonable doubt. I'm innotaught him what was really important.

"The only thing that endures is character," he said. "Fame and wealth — all that is illusion. All that endures is character."

and follows a series of pub-

licized sexual harassment cases.

many involving senior officers.

decided to order the stand-

down Thursday morning, saying the airplane "case troubles

me" if the allegations prove to be true. He declined to point to

other specific cases, saying, "The laundry list is too long."

after nearly four years of a high-

profile, anti-sexual harassment

campaign, the navy still seems

responsibility, drinking and drugs as well as sexual harass-

Navy officials wonder why

Admiral Boorda said he had

Gingrich Now Just Might Join The Race

By Joel Achenbach Washington Post Service

and he disputed reports that he has been a prisoner in his own WASHINGTON - And now: the Gingrich tease. Colin Powell had been a declared presidential noncandi-date for only 90 minutes when the speaker of the House radio and TV gallery to hold his own news conference.

For months, Newt Gingrich had been in a peculiar position.

Although he was the embodiment of the Republican revolution, he mostly remained a spectator in the presidential

It was not for lack of ambition, however. Mr. Gingrich is clearly someone who, when he looks in the mirror, sees someone who would fit nicely in the Oval Office.

He told everyone he just might run. Just might. Yet, in the very small field of potential Mr. Simpson was acquitted last-minute presidential candi-Oct. 3 of murdering his former dates, Mr. Gingrich was runwife, Nicole Brown Simpson, ning a distant second. He was completely overshadowed by General Powell.

Now, Mr. Gingrich can be spoke with the authority of a the most prominent could-be, Asked at the press confer-

ence what the Powell decision means for him, Mr. Gingrich said, "Well, I think frankly it mayed by those who prejudged means that if, once we get beyond the next couple of weeks" then he paused, and verbally reloaded, to remind everyone how busy he already is as me. I said, 'I don't want to say speaker. "Today, I have mostly done welfare, Medicaid, Medicare, taxes, agriculture. I mean. He suggested that the trial we've got to finish reconciliation," he said, referring to the seven-year plan to balance the

budget and cut taxes. 'And after we've finished reconciliation, we'll probably sit down, probably during the Thanksgiving break, and Mar-ianne and I will talk about it,"

he said, referring to his wife. This summer he said there was a 10 percent chance he'd run. Then he changed it to 5

On Wednesday, he went with 10 percent again.
"Somewhere in that zone,"

he said. "But it's higher with Colin out than it would have been had he decided to run." And there it is: a creeping of possibility. Mr. Gingrich has

said he will decide by the Dec. 15 filing deadline for the New Hampshire primary.
Why not Newt in '96?

The fact that he says he might run is not really news. It has become a ritual in recent years for Washington leaders to let and three others reassigned for everyone know they are contemplating a bid, and then, after much soul-searching, come to the heroic decision not to run.

campaign, the navy still seems plagued by the problem. Asked to comment, Admiral Boorda said, "There are going to be a few people who don't get the word. I want to give it to them."

He said the stand-down would include discussion of leadership include discussion of leadership include a stand-down would be appropriate given the speaker's lifetong fais message that America is not immune to the historical fact that civilizations can die.

POLITICALNOTES



Hazel R. O'Leary speaking to students at the McKinley Middle Magnet School in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Energy Chief Finds Herself in Hot Water

WASHINGTON — Energy Secretary Hazel R. O'Leary faced a storm of criticism and the possibility that she could lose her job after it was disclosed that she had spent thousands of dollars in government money for a consulting firm to monitor the reporters who cover her department and to rank them as to how favorable they were. Senior Clinton administration officials

said Thursday that they were appalled by what they called her lack of judgment in paying \$43,500 to Carma International, a Washington firm, to identify unfriendly

press outlets. Michael McCurry, the White House press secretary, said that Mrs. O'Leary's action, reported Thursday in The Wall Street Journal, was "unacceptable."

A senior White House official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said Mrs. O'Leary might be asked to resign.

Leon E, Panetta, the White House chief of staff, said he had asked Mrs. O'Leary to give him a full report, but turned away questions as to whether she might lose her job. Another senior official said that Mrs. O'Leary was in deep trouble but that the White House would wait to see if she could ride out the storm.

Mrs. O'Leary, a former utility company executive, was traveling Thursday in Louisiana, where she told The Asanalysis of coverage of her department. She said it would have cost the department \$170,000 to do the same job itself. 'There's no enemies list, no gumshoes, no investigators," she said.

High Cost of Failure

WASHINGTON - The Clinton adwashington — the clinion administration spent \$13.4 million preparing its doomed health care initiative and \$433,966 more defending a lawsuit that challenged the secrecy in which Hillary Rodham Clinton and others assembled the plan, according to congressional investigators. The overall price tag, prepared by the General Accounting Office, is well above White House estimates and raised new charges from Republican lawmakers about the administration's credibility. The White House initially predicted the President's Task Force on National Health Care Reform would cost 'below \$100,000" but later raised the figure to about \$200,000,

"What we have here is another example of the Clinton administration not being forthcoming with Congress or the American people about the entire scale, scope and cost of their taxpayer-funded activities," said Representative William F. Clinger Jr., Republican of Pennsylvania and chairman of the House Committee on Government Reform and Over-sight. In 1993, Mr. Clinger was the first member of Congress to question the task

force's closed-door policy. He said in a statement he was "shocked

by the White House on the President's Health Care Task Force."

The White House did not dispute the estimate. "I think the magnitude of the task was great and the overall cost in comparison is relatively modest," said the deputy press secretary, Ginny Terzano. Opponents had spent more than \$300 million to kill the health care initiative, she said, and by comparison the administration's costs were "modest."

Polls Favor Clinton

WASHINGTON — If the presidential election were held today, President Bill Clinton would win a second term over the Republican front-runner, Sensator Bob Dole, 53 percent to 43 percent, according to the USA Today-CNN-Gallup poll.

Democrats also seem better positioned to seize back control of the House, according to the poll with 50 percent of respondents saying they would vote Democratic in congressional elections.

The findings were the latest of many recent polls showing public discontent with Republican budget-cutting. (AP)

Quote / Unquote

William Kristol, editor of a new conservative magazine, The Weekly Standard, on Newt Gingrich's situation following the decision by Colin L. Powell not to seek the Republican presidential nomination: "I'm sure he'll be tempted. I think he'll resist the temptation. I think if sociated Press that she had not asked for an evaluation of reporters but rather for an \$14 million in taxpayer funds was spent stronger than most people think." (WP)

Away From Politics

warnings at a crossing where a train in Fox River Grove, Illinois, killing seven teenagers. The equipment will give drivers an extra 10-second warning when portation Department said.

 A mother was sentenced to 18 years in prison in McMinnville, Tennessee, for alone, received minor injuries. letting her two small sons die inside a sweltering car while she partied with her • Hundreds of thousands of homeowners

have to serve at least six years before she million settlement with the manufacturers, is eligible for parole.

• Union Pacific Railroad has agreed to • A woman got a month in jail for trying install equipment to give motorists longer to have a car dealer's arms or legs broken because she didn't get a warranty with her clipped the rear of a school bus last month car alarm. Kathleen Kyanko, 29, was also crossbow to kill another motorist was fined \$1,000 in Columbus, Ohio. (AP)

• A Missouri Air National Guard F-15 a train is approaching, the state Trans-failed to stop after landing at Whiteman Air Force Base, forcing the pilot to eject before the aircraft rolled 750 feet (230) the government for \$1.9 million for stripmeters) into a field. The pilot, who was

boyfriend. Jennie Bain Ducker, 21, will with leaky plastic pipes will share in a \$950 Eastern appearance and name.

(AP) A Tennessee judge approved the settlement fund of Shell Oil Co, and Hoechst

 A Baptist church deacon who used a convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison in New Bedford, Massachusetts.

A Jordanian-American plans to sue searching and parading him in handcuffs through an airport after the Oklahoma City bombing. Abraham Ahmad said he was singled out because of his Middle

Chrétien's Guards Are Suspended

The Associated Press

OTTAWA - Four Royal Canadian Mounted Police officers were suspended Friday failing to prevent a knife-wielding intruder from reaching the door of Prime Minister Jean Chrétien's bedroom.

The break-in Sunday caused an uproar because of a seven-minute delay before guards responded to a call for help from

Mr. Chrétien's wife, Aline. The RCMP's assistant commissioner, Bryan McConnell, said Friday it was "unacceptable" to have endangered the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Chrétien.

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Seoul Bars Tokyo Aide Over Remarks on Colonial Era

TOKYO - South Korea angrily rejected Friday a visit by Japan's for-norance." eign minister to defuse a dispute over a

nial rule of Korea.

"political vulgarity" and "moral ig-

The South Korean ambassador, cabinet minister's remarks that there Kim Tae Zhee, told Japanese officials were "good things" in Japan's colo- Foreign Minister Yohei Kono was not Pacific Economic Cooperation sumwelcome in Seoul until "appropriate

lateral meeting scheduled between Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama of "adverse effects" on relations. and the South Korean president, Kim Young Sam, on Nov. 18 at the Asiamit in Osaka.

talks with Tokyo and revealed Japan's The escalating row threatens a bi- Japanese Foreign Ministry officials month were revealed in the South Koquoted Mr. Kim as saying. He warned

Earlier Friday, Mr. Murayama reprimanded Mr. Eto for the offending

North Korea joined in the anger, measures" were taken against Takami hinting that the "intolerable insult" Eto, the management and coordination threatened recogning of normalization agency minister.

"It there is no appropriate measure on this matter, there is no meaning for when the contents of an off-the-record Minister Kono's visit to Seoul," briefing he gave to reporters last

riod, Japan also did good things," Mr. Eto said during the briefing

"It erected schools and universities remarks and proposed Mr. Kono visit and substantially raised the level of Seoul to make amends.

and substantially raised the level of education, laid 5,000 kilometers of The Eto furor erupted this past week railroads, conducted irrigation, improved port facilities and planted trees in the hills," he said.

Breathing Room for Murayama

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TOKYO - Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama won a parliamentary vote Friday that eased pressure on him to call an early general election.

The victory came when a lower house committee approved a bill to tighten controls on religious groups, a measure prompted by the deadly Tokyo subway toxic gas attack that has been attributed to the doomsday cult Aum Shinrikyo. The bill is expected to win easy passage in Parliament.

The committee's approval was never in doubt because of the government majority in the group, but the main opposition New Frontier Party had threatened to boycott deliberations and other parliamentary sessions. Such a tactic would have put pressure on Mr. Murayama's coalition to call an immediate election. The party vehemently opposes the religion bill, but political analysts say it decided not to force an election over the religious bill because of turnoil within the

group.

Mr. Murayama does not have to call general elections until July 1997, but the three-way coalition of his Socialists, the Liberal Democratic Party and the small Sakigake party is under increasing voter pressure to call one ahead of sched-

No Elections for Kashmir Soon

NEW DELHI - India's autonomous Election Commission on Friday rejected a proposal by the governing Congress (I) Party to hold elections in the strife-torn state of Kashmir by

mid-December.

Commissioner T. N. Seshan said here that the three-member body had unanimously rejected the proposal because conditions in the northern state were "not conducive for free

Kashmir, which is claimed by Pakistan, has been under direct federal rule since 1990 because of separatist vio-lence. (AFP)

Unicef Suspends Afghan Project

GENEVA - The United Nations children's agency, Unicef, announced Friday that it was suspending help for education programs in Islamic militant-controlled areas of Afghanistan where girls' schools were being closed.

The move came as human rights groups in New York asserted that UN agencies, including Unicef, were acceding to demands by the fundamentalist Taleban movement, which controls much of the south and west of the country, to send

female employees home.
In explaining the decision, Unicef's director, Carol Bellamy, said her group was committed to the education of girls. "The principle of nondiscrimination has guided Unicef's

work since its inception nearly 50 years ago when the organization decided that its assistance would only be provided if it could benefit children on all sides of a political conflict," she said. (Reuters)

For the Record

Indonesia has beefed up security in East Timor before the weekend anniversary of the 1991 killing of unarmed protesters, expelling a foreign journalist and several tourists, visitors said Friday. The tightening follows the expulsion of seven foreigners Thursday from the area, where government troops and separatists have clashed.

Two Thais died in a ferry accident off the southern holiday island of Koh Samui early Friday, but all 153 others on board were rescued, the ferry owners said.

Chinese companies are helping Iran develop chemical weapons, and the Clinton administration is having only mixed success in getting Beijing to halt such cooperation, said a Pentagon official: "Chinese firms have provided some assistance, both in terms of the infrastructure for building chemical plants and some of the precursors for developing agents, Bruce Reidel, told a House committee Thursday.

McNamara Forum Accepted by Hanoi

Lessons of Vietnam War

government has tentatively agreed to hold a conference on the Vietnam War next year, it was announced here Friday during a visit to Hanoi by Robert S. McNamara, the former Pentagon chief who played a historic role in escalating the

We all welcome the initiative for having a conference next autumn in Hanoi," Dao Huy Ngoc, director of the Vietnamese Institute for International Relations, said at a news errors in judgment. conference with Mr. McNamara, who came to promote the idea of the forum.

The meeting would "examend it earlier, what necessary lessons we can draw from it,"

He added that the meeting would be held "if the prepather U.S. assumption that the fall rations go well."

ence, but the organizers have others. not yet spoken with them, said Mr. McNamara, who is in Vietnam for the first time since the war ended. He was to leave Hanoi late Friday.

Mr. McNamara said: "The 20th century was the bloodiest century. One hundred sixty million human beings were killed by war between nations and wish to repeat in the 21st cen-

"Could not each of our nations realize their political objectives without that horrible

forts to put together a docu- are estimated to have been injured," it mentary base.

"I would be happy to ship to HANOI - The Vietnamese Vietnam all of the documents I accumulated and that were the basis for my book," he added. "But we would need counterpart documents."

In his recently published book, "In Retrospect," Mr. McNamara, 79, expressed regret for the war, calling it a terrible mistake.

The conference is seen as one that would be important for Vietnam War historians because the evolution of the conflict was apparently the result of

The former secretary of defense, who served from 1961 to 1968 under Presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnine the reasons which led to the son, said, for example, that "the war, why it was not possible to domino theory," the founda-end it earlier, what necessary tion for U.S. intervention in Vietnam, was probably not

of one country in Southeast Key figures in the conflict Asia to the Communists would would meet during the confer- automatically lead to the fall of (AFP, AP)



READY TO GO — Leaders of India's main opposition party, Bharatiya Janata, waving to supporters Friday during a convention in Bombay. The main business of the session was to launch a campaign for next year's elections.

Fighting 'Fierce' as Army Revives Push on Tamils

COLOMBO — Sri Lankan troops, backed by armor and artillery, resumed among nations. Is it what we a major offensive against Tamil Tiger rebels in the northern peninsula on Friday in fighting that killed more than 90 people and wounded almost 300, the

Twelve soldiers and an officer were killed, while 77 soldiers were wounded, To fulfill its objectives, this the military said in a statement. "Sevconference, Mr. McNamara enty-eight terrorists were confirmed said, "would require major ef- killed, and a minimum of 200 terrorists

Tamil Eelam for the first 100 meters.

rebel bunkers. The military said troops await them in the back lanes of Jaffna had advanced 2.5 kilometers (1.5 miles).

It is monsoon season on the Jaffna Peninsula, but the weather has been

A senior military source said troops The armed forces launched the opadvanced at first light and met no re-sistance from the Liberation Tigers of of Jaffna town. The capture of Jaffna daranaike Kumaratunga, commander in "Then they started firing at us and their 12-year struggle for an indepen-giving it maximum," he said. There was dent Tamil homeland. Most civilians New Zealand "due to the exigencies of heavy fighting on the outskirts of Jaffina already have fled the ancient port city.

The army spent two weeks digging in The army spent two weeks digging in quarters, where the army had to clear near the city, mindful of the hazards that push" on Jaffna was imminent.

town, the heart of "Tamil Eelam,"

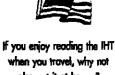
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On Thursday the government announced that President Chandrika Banwould be a major blow to the rebels in chief of the armed forces, would miss the evolving situation." That promped some analysts to wonder if the "big

Most rebels and civilians have fled the town, with estimates from 100,000 to "The fighting was very fierce," the source said. "The Tigers appeared to be campseast of Jaffna town, and south making their final effort to send us back. across the Jaffna lagoon at camps around

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JERUSALEM - Another man was detained in the widening investigation of the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, and the police said Friday that they knew of at least three attempts to assas-sinate Mr. Rabin since Israel signed a peace agreement with the Palestinians in 1993.

The police confirmed the arrest of an engineering student, Michael Epstein, 25, on sus-picion that he knew the intentions of the confessed assassin, Yigal Amir, but did nothing to

stop him.

That brought the number of arrests to six, but indications were that only Mr. Amir and perhaps his brother would be charged with murder, while the others would face lesser

charges.
Mr. Amir has declared that he had acted on his own. But the discovery of a large cache of explosives at his house, and reports of his membership in Eyal, an organization of mil-itant religious nationalists, raised the possibility of a broad-

er conspiracy.
Police Minister Moshe Shahal said in a radio interview that Mr. Ayal "was not alone in the various frameworks and various levels connected to the various attempts to attack the

He said at least three such attempts had been uncovered, but he gave no further details and declined to comment on possible connections among the suspects.

Though public political activity remained constrained by the seven-day period of mourn-ing for Mr. Rabin, there were stirrings on other fronts.

Rightist group have felt the heat of public indignation. Zo Artzeinu, a rightist-group that has organized campaigns of civil disobedience against the Palestinian peace talks, took out an advertisement in the Jerusalem Post to declare that it was committed to nonviolent methods and "condemns all acts of violence."

This week, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres is expected to be confirmed as prime minister and to give the first signs of how he intends to proceed.

He has committed himself publicly to pursue all of Mr. of the People's Liberation Rabin's policies, especially in Army has warned the Clinton marks on Taiwan and on United decided to allow a private visit shaping a peace with the Arabs administration of "explosive" States policy indicated that de-by Taiwan's president, Lee of the primary architects.

The main question was whether there was a new opening to Syria, which with its client-state Lebanon remains

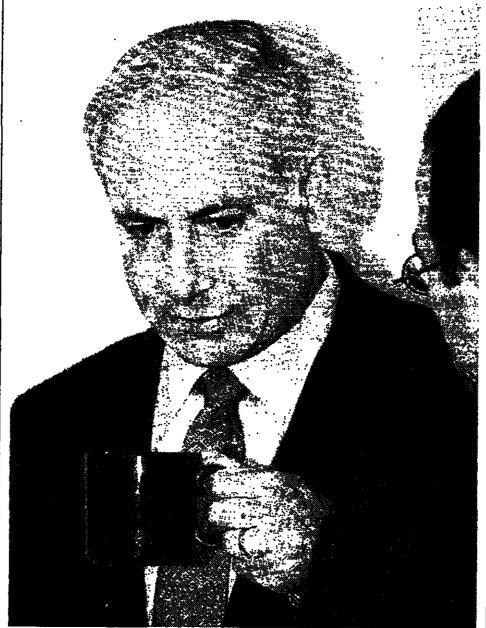
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Rifkind of Britain arrived in Israel on Thursday after visits to Syria and Saudi Arabia, and told Mr. Peres that President Hafez Assad of Syria was prepared to resume peace talks. The Syrian media has also issued signals to this effect over

Ross, would probably return to made in 1984, to reduce arms rule out the use of force in rethe Middle East soon to assess sales to Taiwan. whether there was a potentialnew opening, and on what con-

ditions. On the domestic political front, the question was whether Taiwan through direct presi-Mr. Peres would succeed in attracting new partners to the Labor Party coalition, which approved the last Palestinian-Israeli agreement by a scant

question was Another ter on security issues.



Benjamin Netanyahu sipping coffee as he talked with an aide Friday in Jerusalem.

Likud Leader Fades in Israeli Polls

But Likud was swift to dismiss the poll, saying that it was a sympathy vote for the governing Labor Party after the loss of its leader, and that support would pick up soon. minister for the first time in general elections a leader, and that support would pick up soon.

According to the poll, published in the Yediot Aharonot newspaper, 54 percent would vote for acting Prime Minister Shimon Peres JERUSALEM — The popularity of the Likud opposition leader, Benjamin Netanyahu, has nose-dived in the polls after the murder of Yitzhak Rabin, a survey showed against 23 percent or Mr. Netanyahu Previously, Mr. Rabin and Mr. Netanyahu had been running neck-and-neck.

Israelis are to directly elect their prime

China Gets Shriller on Taiwan

General Warns Against Repeat Lee Visit

By Patrick E. Tyler
New York Times Service

BEIJING — A senior officer ly one China in the world."

Lieutenant General Xiong Guangkai, an assistant chief of the last of Israel's neighbors to staff, speaking in an interview here this week, said he used this Foreign Secretary Malcolm term privately last March to impress upon senior U.S. defense officials the volatile nature of Chinese attitudes regarding

Any recurrence of President Lee Teng-hui's visit, he added, sovereignty over Taiwan. would incite an even stronger

And, going further than any other Chinese leader thus far, General Xiong disparaged the expansion of democracy on

dential elections next March. "I can tell you the so-called popular president or president directly elected by the people is not democratically or legally elected," he said.

"Taiwan cannot declare the whether Mr. Peres would pro- election is in accordance with mote Ehud Barak, the interior sovereignty, and in accordance minister and a former army with democracy or legality," he continued, "a leader elected he continued, "a leader elected ister, a move that would signal in Taiwan, in whatever form, Mr. Peres's intention to move can only be regarded as a leader his government toward the cen-either in a province, a region or a part of China. They can by no

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means be regarded as a leader covering Taiwan. of a political entity with sovereignty because there is on-

a policy of which he was one consequences should the press spite a recovery in diplomatic Teng-hui, to Cornell Univerident of Taiwan be allowed to relations with China since last sity, where Mr. Lee delivered a visit the United States in the summer, a substantial amount speech with strong political of tension remains, especially overtones. among military leaders.

political issue, as General iting editors of The New York other private visit. Times. The general's emphatic remarks reflect the depth of naitary over the mainland's

This is a major issue that said. we have to settle in order to the past week.

The 56-year-old staff officer safeguard the reunification of will not occur again, but if it lstaeli officials said that the also accused the United States the motherland," he said, recurs, the damage" to relations mediator. Dennis of breaking its commitment, adding that China would not itons "will be bigger than this

Earlier this year, a significant rupture in relations between ly one China in the world." Washington and Beijing oc-The general's trenchant re-

Since then, President Clinton It is rare for a top military has reiterated Washington's officer to so bluntly discuss a "one China" policy, but has refused to rule out allowing the Xiong did this week with vis- Taiwan leader to return for an-

"The United States has damaged the overall interests of tionalistic feelings in the mil- United States-China relations by allowing Mr. Lee to visit the United States," General Xiong

"We hope that the incident

Israel Tolerant as Arafat Pays a Call

TEL AVIV - Israel on Fri-

day welcomed a surprise condolence call by Yasser Arafat on the widow of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in Tel Aviv --the first time the PLO chairman, long abhorred as a terrorist, has set foot here.

Mr. Arafat flew from Gaza to Tel Aviv on Thursday night and spent 90 minutes at the home of Leah Rabin, in a gesture that would have been unthinkable only a few months ago.

It is our duty, because you know during the funeral I hadn't the ability to participate for security matters," Mr. Arafat said after returning to his home base in Gaza. His visit was not announced until after it was over.

The government press office director, Uri Dromi, said Mr. Arafat's visit symbolized "what Yitzhak Rabin lived and died for: to make peace be-tween Israelis and Palestini-

"The meaning of peace is that instead of treating your neighbor as an enemy, you treat him as just a human being," Mr. Dromi said. "When something terrible happens to him, you just go to his family and pay condolences. This is exactly what Yasser Arafat did."

Even Benjamin Netanyahu, the Likud opposition leader who denounced the 1993 Israel-PLO peace agreement as a sellout to terrorists and will have nothing to do with Mr. Arafat, declined to criticize the Palestinian leader's visit.
"I think a bereavement

meeting is understandable," he said. "I don't think it should be addressed politically."

Israeli officials had asked

Mr. Arafat to stay away from Mr. Rabin's funeral in Jerusalem on Monday, saying they feared for his safety. The PLO leader watched the ceremony on television while King Hussein of Jordan and President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt attended and delivered eulo-

During his visit to Mrs. Rabin's house, Mr. Arafat did not wear his trademark checkered headdress and sat bare-headed, sipping coffee.

An Arafat aide, Khaled Salem, said the PLO chairman had never visited Israel before, although he says he spent time, disguise in Arab East Jerusalem and the occupied West Bank after Israel captured

the areas in the 1967 Middle by Israel in the Middle East condolences, but not under oth-East war. condolences, but not under oth-er circumstances.

Asked what he had told Mrs. Rabin, Mr. Arafat replied: "That we lost a great man who made the peace of the brave with us. He was our partner and we thank you for continuing his road and his march."

bin widow as saying to Mr. Arafat: "My husband regarded you as his partner in peace." The two men were signato-

ries on the historic 1993 agreement that allowed for Palestinian self-rule in areas seized

Mr. Dromi said some Israelis Arafat's visit with mixed feelings but "the most important thing is that out of this terrible loss something good will come continuation of the peace pro-Israeli radio quoted Mrs. Ra-

> Reaction among ordinary Israelis was understanding. Many people interviewed at random in Jerusalem's Mahane Yehuda the political storm any visit by market said it was acceptable him there would certainly crefor Mr. Arafat to visit Israel for ate.

were bound to view Mr. Rabin home was secretly arranged by Yossi Ginnosar, a former top official of Israel's Shin Bet secret service who spearheaded initial Israeli contacts for both peoples, and that is the with the PLO in 1986 when Shimon Peres was prime minister.

Although the visit to Tel Aviv was a first for Mr. Arafat, Jerusalem has remained a forbidden city for him because of (Reuters, NYT)

In N.Y., Help for Rabin's Killer

NEW YORK - A telephone hot line aimed at raising money for the man accused of assassinating Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel has been set up in New York City.

Moshe Gross, who is directing the phone line, said the fund-raising effort had been initiated by Orthodox Jews who regard Yigal Amir, the confessed assassin, as "a hero."

"We have watched all these Jews grieving over the killing of Mr. Rabin, and we would like to surprise the world with the news that many Jews are glad," said Mr. Gross, a mem-

ber of an Orthodox synagogue in Brooklyn. The taped message refers to Mr. Rabin as 'an extreme radical racist" who hated religious Jews, and calls for "a great mitzvah of redeeming this great Jewish hero, Yigal

Mr. Amir, a 25-year-old Israeli law student, New York in 1990, are outlawed in Israel.

has said he killed the prime minister because of the Israeli government's plan to return land to

Mr. Gross said the hot line, put in place Wednesday, was being "deluged with calls." He said there were 60 to 70 calls an hour being handled by some 20 volunteers.

He said callers who were deemed legitimate donors were given the address of Mr. Amir's family in Israel. Those wishing to make major contributions were offered assistance in trans-

porting the money to Israel.

Authorities in Israel suspect that there may be a link between the assassination and Eyal, a shadowy group that is an outgrowth of the Kach movement, a far-right organization founded by Rabbi Meir Kahane. Both Kach and Kahane Chai, or Kahane Lives, which was set up after Rabbi Kahane's assassination in

U.S. Delays Economic Aid to Haiti Move Is Intended to Push Aristide to Pursue Reforms

By Thomas W. Lippman

WASHINGTON - The Clinton administration is holding up \$4.6 million in economic aid to Haiti because the government of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide has not carried out promises to privatize while he sought a careful acstate-owned industries and re- counting of previous installform the country's civil service, ments.

according to U.S. officials.
The aid delay is the first overt military intervention last year.

But on a positive note for lead to the speedy withdrawal U.S.-Haiti relations, Jesse of American troops. Helms, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. has released \$1.3 million to help pay for Haiti's forthcoming presidential elections, money the North Carolina Repub-

Mr. Helms acted after demanding and getting assurance in writing from Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher the date for balloting to choose U.S. display of disapproval of in writing from Secretary of Mr. Aristide's management of State Warren M. Christopher

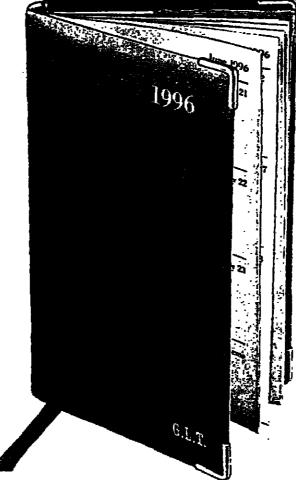
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Christopher, Mr. Helms, who is

In an Oct. 23 letter to Mr. a longtime critic of Mr. Aristide, complained of the Haitian leader's "continued undernocratic actions" and "arrogant failure to respect any democratic process in Haiti." Mr. Helms said Mr. Aristide was doing nothing to prepare for the elections for which the adminis-

the country since the president that "future funds will be used a successor to Mr. Aristide, who was restored to power by U.S. only for intended and legitimate under the Haitian Constitution election purposes which will cannot seek a second term.

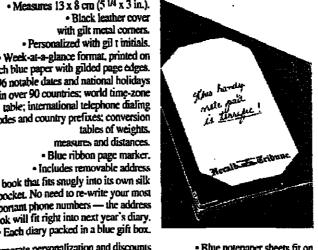
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Budget Blackmail

plan to extort political concessions as the price of meeting two budget deadlines this coming week. They are playing an ugly game of political coercion that will force President Bill Clinton to accept dubious programs that he would otherwise veto or else risk endangering the government's credit rating.

One deadline is looming on Wednesday, when the government is expected to reach its legal limit on borrowing. There will be no instant default because current law gives the administration a limited right to tap trust funds to pay off bondholders. But eventually the government will default unless Congress raises the debt ceiling.

Default would be treacherous because it could unsettle capital markets and drive up interest rates on future debt. socking the taxpayers.

The Republicans plan to use the threat of default as a crowbar to force President Clinton to accept legislation he opposes. The House passed a bill Thursday that would give him what he needs, a bill to lift the debt ceiling.

But it includes unrelated amendments that, for example, would curtail appeals by death row prisoners. It would also strip the administration of its ability to exploit money in trust funds to avoid default in the future.

Thus next month, when the new debt ceiling is reached, the president would be in an untenable position: either sign a new debt-ceiling bill sent up by Congress --no matter how many odious amendments it might contain — or else default. By shackling the administration's

Republican Congressional leaders tools for managing debt, the House bill would alter the balance of legislative power in budget negotiations. If Congress is committed to making this change, or altering other laws, it should do so through ordinary legislative means that preserve the right of the Senate to filibuster and the president to veto.

The second deadline occurs Monday. when the administration's temporary authority to spend money on discretionary programs runs out and permanent budget bills remain tied up in committee. Government offices will have to close unless the White House and Congress pass another stopgap measure.

Here again Republican leaders are trying to force the White House into accepting irresponsible measures as the price for keeping the government

The House has passed a stopgap bill to which it attached a severe restriction on the right of nonprofit groups that accept any federal money to engage in political advocacy, even using their private funds. This amendment is not about balancing the budget and does not belong in a bill extending the government's budget authority. Instead, it should be forced to clear the ordinary legislative hurdles, including filibuster and veto.

Unfortunately, the Democrats' hands are not clean. They resorted to similar tactics when they controlled Congress and a Republican controlled the White House. But political blackmail is unprincipled no matter which party employs it.

—THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Encourage Democracy

The Latin American delegation at the recent UN anniversary consisted of Fidel Castro and the representatives of 16 freely elected governments. That Latin America is home to only one clear dictatorship is a real success story. But as in former Communist Europe, elections in Latin America do not mean that true democracy is there to stay or even, in many places, there at all.

The democratization of Latin America is a sad song, and an old one. The end of the dictators was first heralded in the 1940s with elections in three nations. By the next decade, two of those had fallen to military dictatorship. In 1960, Paraguay was South America's only dictatorship. By 1976, in all of Latin America, there were only four democracies. Today, military officials have made coup threats in Honduras, Guatemala, Chile, Peru and Venezuela.

A less visible but more common problem is that elected government has not brought an end to the abuses associated with dictatorship. Civilian government is no guarantee of respect for hu-

man rights. In four years in the mid-1980s, 6.000 people were killed or abducted by security forces in democratic Peru, the vast majority unarmed civilians. That is twice the number of murders and disappearances during the 17-year dictatorship of

Augusto Pinochet in neighboring Chile. In many countries, military leaders tolerate civilian rule only as long as they retain the power they held as dictators. Many armed forces still own networks of banks and businesses and control civilian agencies, such as the customs services, that provide opportunity for comuption. In most nations, officers are still tried for human rights abuse in military courts, where they are routinely acquitted.

Civilian governments violate human rights as well. One egregious example is the so-called "faceless" courts of Colombia and Peru, where the identity of judges is disguised. Defendants face Draconian sentences, including life imprisonment, in trials where they are often not confronted with the evidence

against them. Although the United States Agency for International Development encouraged the creation of these courts in Colombia to protect judicial authorities in cases involving terrorists and drug traffickers, they have also been used to prosecute peaceful leftists.

The Clinton administration's emphasis on trade is a vast improvement over the policies of past administrations, which often openly backed dictatorships and military rule. But America still has an important role beyond that of buyer and seller. Washington remains the most important outside influence on the Latin sectors most likely to block democracy: military, business and agricultural leaders.

America should use its influence to support civilian leaders seeking to control their militaries. It should push governments to respect human rights, and encourage the growth of an already im-pressive array of independent organizations, such as human rights groups and peasant associations, that hold their governments accountable.

With the end of the Cold War and reflexive American support of Latin military rule, prospects for lasting democracy in Latin America have never been better. But democracy in Latin America is a work in progress, and its courageous advocates still need American and worldwide support.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Cuban Heroes

In the elaborate play between a Cuban Communist regime attempting post-So-viet revival and an American policy aimed at seeing the regime's aging leader out of power, the travails of individual

Cubans often get lost. This is a mistake. The larger confrontation will go on. But it will be crucially affected by the likes of Yndamino Restano, a formerly jailed Cuban journalist who is trying to launch an "independent" (non-state-controlled) news service in Havana right now.

Mr. Restano. 47, was fired from his state radio job for criticizing Fidel Castro, jailed for forming a nonviolent political group called Harmony and freed by an international campaign mobilized by the New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists. His view that Cuba is ripe for change led him to call on the country's growing corps of like-minded journalists to organize an independent news bureau to help break the regime's controls on information flowing in and out. An early bureau report on safety hazards at a nuclear power plant landed its author in jail; released, he has rejected voluntary exile and faces rearrest. Mr.

Restano, aided by the U.S. National Endowment for Democracy, seeks to arm himself with enough international support to blunt the regime's opposition to

his project. In short, Mr. Restano is on the front lines of the crucial struggle going on in Cuba between the few people with power and the many without. He operates in the slivers of political space that appear as President Castro turns to the world beyond the United States, which alone maintains an embargo, for post-Cold

War economic rescue. Mr. Castro, for enduring prolonged American hostility to his person as well as his rule, is often excused his totalitarian habits and depicted as a nowtoothless and mellowed survivor of the century's lapsed wars. But he still runs a police state.

The real heroes in Cuba are Yndamino Restano and his fellow patriots. Under pressures that American journalists go a whole career without once encountering, independent Cuban journalists are reminding their colleagues elsewhere what a free press is about.

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U.S. Faces Challenges of the 'New World Disorder'

WASHINGTON — Scenes from the New World Disorder:

In the Pacific, a brutal rape in Okinawa by three U.S. servicemen shakes U.S.lapanese military cooperation to its roots. Defense Secretary William Perry has to intervene personally to defuse the political fallout of a criminal act.

Across the globe, in Brussels, Europe and America become embroiled in an argument over a new NATO secretarygeneral. The spat threatens to drag President Bill Clinton into a confrontation with Washington's chief European allies until an embarrassed Rund Lubbers with-

draws his candidacy.

These two seemingly unrelated cases in the news this past week are linked by the American factor: the presence of U.S. troops in Asia and Europe to underpin a global alliance system. But the Okinawa and NATO contro-

versies are also bubbles rising to the sur-

face of a fast-running tide of change in America's relations with its closest allies. For half a century, America managed a global system of alliances built on a sense of common purpose and shared burdens. For the past five years, strategists and politicians have pontificated about how America's world leadership would be af-fected by the end of the Cold War. But the answer to that is coming from these specific, small cases of alliance management

rather than from the abstract theorizing.

By Jim Hoagland

The facts of the Okinawa case are appalling: A 12-year-old girl was abducted, beaten and raped. Three U.S. servicemen acknowledged grabbing the girl and one admitted the rape.

The slowness of U.S. military authorities in tunning them over to the Japanese police fanned long-simmering local resentments against the large U.S. military presence on the island.

Half of the 45,000 American military personnel now in Japan are based in Okinawa. Their primary mission is to reinforce American troops in South Korea if war comes there. But they are also a visible symbol to many native Okinawans of what they see as a double occupation: historically by Japan, and since World

War II by America. The demands of Cold War solidarity that obscured such sentiments in the past have evaporated. Instead, the rape triggered public protests and demands for immediate reductions in the U.S. presence. With Japan led by the weakest central government in its modern history, Okinawa's politicians moved quickly to draw concessions from Tokyo through the Americans.

Mr. Perry flew to Tokyo to resolve this problem before President Clinton arrives in Japan next week for an Asian summit

By Morton I. Abramowitz

meeting. The defense secretary seems to have banked the fires of protest by for-Germany's Helmut Kohl. mally promising "adjustments" in the U.S. deployment in Okinawa.

That means, a senior U.S. official tells me, that Washington is ready to turn back to Okinawa "a good deal" of the extensive acreage used for U.S. bases and to press Tokyo to find new basing sites for some of the American Marine units now in Okinswa

While Mr. Perry dealt with a Pacific brushfire, an Atlantic squall was blowing up over choosing a successor to Willy Claes, the Belgian politician who was forced to resign last month as NATO secretary-general after he was indicted on domestic compution charges. The Clinton administration was slow to

recognize that Mr. Claes would have to go and developed no U.S. candidate for the policy-making job, which is reserved for a European politician since an American general always runs the military side of the North Atlantic alliance.

Prance's never-bashful President Jacques Chirac launched a campaign for his friend Mr. Lubbers, the former Dutch prime minister whose NATO credentials are impeccable.

Mr. Chirac, incensed at Denmark's criticism of French nuclear testing, also wanted to block the Danish candidate, former Foreign Minister Uffe Ellemann-Jensen. He lined up public support for Mr.

U.S. State Department officials were taken aback by the European initiative. They feared that it was a harbinger of what they most dread in post-Cold War NATO: France leading a unified European caucus within the alliance. So Washington in effect vetoed Mr. Lubbers even though it did not have a candidate of its own. Mr. Lubbers, reluctant to seek the job in the

first place, withdrew Friday. This quarrel would have been silly if NATO did not face urgent decisions on Central Europe, Russia and Bosnia.

Or it could have been a fight worth

having if America had serious reason to doubt Mr. Lubbers or had a much better candidate to offer. But none of those propositions was true.

America faces serious and unpredictable alliance management challenges in today's shifting currents. The Clinton administration could no longer avoid the tensions the U.S. bases on Okinawa create and moved skillfully to contain them by ceding some of its prerogatives.

in Europe, American diplomatic energies went into winning a pointless battle that will leave scars during a tricky transition for the alliance.

American perogatives were protected, but at a cost greater than the ima-

Israel Must Knock Rightist Religious Leaders Off Their Pedestals

TEL AVIV - More than a million hushed mourners filed past the body of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in Jerusalem.

For a people so accustomed to

talking endlessly about their troubles, the silence has been eerie. This silence is complex. There is sadness over the loss of the national leader, shock that this type of political killing could happen here, fury at the religious fanatic who pulled the trigger and fear that others like him are wait-

ing to strike again. Amir, is not a deranged outsider.

DATELINE — On Dec. 14, the European Parliament is

to cast a critical vote on whether

Europe will begin the process of

integrating Turkey. Refusing or

delaying ratification of Turkey's

customs arrangement with the

European Union — we are not

even talking about membership in

the European Union itself -

would worsen Turkey's already

fragile political situation and reap

mission support the customs

union. All the terms and technical

understandings for the customs

rights in Turkey by voting "no."

or in a quasi-fascist, ultranation-

The 15 EU member govern-

By Ze'ev Chafets

He is a boy next door, a 25-yearold law student from a stable, religious family.
While he claims to have acted alone, he was no lone gunman.

He was inspired by fundamentalist ideology that led him to view Prime Minister Rabin as This ideology is shared by

thousands, perhaps tens of thou-sands, of Israelis, including a number of the country's most The confessed assassin, Yigal prominent Orthodox rabbis. Most Israelis — including a

alist regime like Croatia's, which

Certainly, the Turkish govern-

ment will have to clean up its act.

The human rights situation has ap-

palling aspects: The systematic

torture of prisoners has not been

eradicated, despite all the rhetoric

denouncing it. Extrajudicial killings continue. The Kurdish is-

and dealing with it effectively -

European and American pres-

sure has been helpful in making

dish prisoners and to modifica-

cipal domestic problem.

and commentators.

Europe seems to favor.

more political chaos than reform. sue continues to be a bleeding sore.

ments and the European Com- not abusively -- is Turkey's prin-

union are in order. It is Turkey's the Turkish government more re-

human rights record that is at is- sponsive to human rights con-

sue. But it is hard to imagine that cerns and to changing Turkish

the European Parliament believes practices. Outside pressure re-

it will further the cause of human cently led to the release of Kur-

whether incentives work better to the anti-terrorist law, which has

foster rights in an allied nation and been used as a weapon against

evolving democracy like Turkey offending journalists, academics

The basic consideration is tions of the infamous Article 8 of

number of Orthodox Israelis have long felt uneasy about the fundamentalists, who openly advocate replacing democracy with theocracy, in which the word of God, as the religious militarits understand it, would be law.

One of the militants' spiritual leaders, the late Shlomo Goren, Israel's former chief rabbi, issued a death warrant for Yasser Arafat. Some well-known rabbis have called on their followers to fight

Israeli soldiers sent to evacuate Jewish settlements in the West

But the application of pressure

is only part of the story. The Turks

can be very tough, as many U.S.

its human rights recercussions, is

particularly contentious and emo-

tional. Liberalism is not in vogue

Moreover, the Turkish elec-

torate is fed up and alienated from

the political system. Too many

Turkish politicians of all stripes are

contemptuous of their publics,

in Turkey's Parliament.

Arba, a radical Orthodox group built a shrine to Barnch Goldstein, who killed 29 Muslim Palestimans at a mosque in Hebron in February 1994. Such behavior has made the

fundamentalists, many of them West Bank settlers, unpopular with the Israeli mainstream. Yet they have been tolerated. In the past, both the Labor and Likud parties have sought alliances with mainstream Orthodox parties. which are sympathetic to the fundamentalists.

Since the Oslo peace accords,

Bank. In one settlement, Kiryat the Likud has actively courted the fundamentalists, seeing them as political shock troops in the fight for the West Bank. But political expediency

doesn't entirely explain the militants' success. Sentiment also plays a major part. The rabbis exploit some religious symbols — Jewish holidays, sacred artifacts, the teach-

ings of the Talmud - venerated by mainstream Israelis. Then there was the myth that Jews would not physically attack one another — that no matter bow bitter the fundamentalists' rhetoric and deadly their attacks on Palestinians, they would never spill the blood of fellow Jews.

The murder of Mr. Rabin proves otherwise. Security authorities have belatedly recognized this and wrapped his successor, Shimon Peres, whom Mr. Amir said he had also intended to kill, in a security blanket that is unprecedented in Israel.

But bodyguards and bulletproof vests will not suffice. To survive, democratic Israel must knock the fundamentalist rabbis off their pedestals and lock up

their violent disciples. This means cutting off public funds to schools and youth organizations that indoctrinate chil-"Western imperialists" dimin- strictly enforcing laws against in-Europe will never be satisfied.

Turkey's more dynamic eleing settlers with histories of violence, and cracking down on the illegal Jewish terrorist organiza-

tions Kach and Kahane Chai. It also means that voters must let politicians of both parties know that they will be severely punished at the polls if they make common cause, overtly or covertly, with the fanatics.

Israelis must take a long step along the road from tribal solidarity to modern nationhood. It is a necessary step, but not an easy one. That is why the majority is so silent now.

We realize that our future words - and actions - will be painful ones.

The writer, a columnist for The Jerusalem Report, is the author of the forthcoming "Hangtime," a novel about Middle Eastern terrorism. He contributed this comment to The New York Times.

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The West's Perverse Economic Choices

DARIS - It is hard to think that historians in the third millennium, looking back, will not assess some current Western economic choices as perverse, or worse.

The American case first. The United States has in the last 15 years broken union power and imposed static wages and social insecurity on a large part of its work force. This avowedly has been to maintain growth, high employment and international competitiveness. It has accomplished all, even though the jobs currently created tend generally to be lowerquality or part-time.

This has been a rationally defensible choice of priorities, but it has deepened the gap between the living conditions of the poorer members of U.S. society, employed and unemployed, and the soaring prosperity enjoyed by investors, managers and people with high skills and high education.

The downside costs have undermined social values and a political stability previously taken for granted in the United States. Deregulation, automation and globalization have generated social unrest, massive unemployment for the unskilled - thereby exacerbating racial tensions — and have inflicted powerfully disintegrative pressures upon the

The political results include alienation from government and the established parties, and a drift toward extremist remedies and even to violence. To an observer to be reconciled with Germany's, 20 or 30 years from now. America's choices in the 1980s and

1990s may be seen as disastrous. Take a second case, in Western Europe. The goal of a single European currency currently is given priority over employment in every major country except Britain.

France, since 1983, under both

By William Pfaff

despite the highest unemploy-ment rate in Western Europe. The new French government named this past week — President Jacques Chirac's second in scarcely six months - has recommitted France to this policy, de-Mr. Chirac's Gaullist party.

Yet the project of a single cur-rency has very shallow intellectual roots. The idea was adopted in haste as part of a Maastricht treaty program for increased European unification, which nearly everyone now recognizes as overambitions and badly conceived. A common European currency

would have obvious advantages for international business and finance. A single European currency — the substitution of one new currency for all of the existing national currencies - would on the other hand produce enormous and unpredictable consequences for the economies of Europe.

No one can be sure that a single currency would even work. However, few will say no to it because to abandon this goal seems a step backward for "Europe" and an incitement to inflation.

The policy in practice means alignment with the Deutsch mark, Europe's currently strongest currency. The individual countries' budget, fiscal and economic systems and priorities would all have whatever the individual national circumstances. The Germans themselves are doubtful about this, seeing a threat to the mark. Germany's Social Democratic Party now proposes to make the

single currency an electoral issue. German economic policy has always been dominated by fear of Socialist and conservative gov- inflation, even though Germany in emments, has defended a strong the postwar period has experifranc linked to the German mark. enced very little inflation. Since

remification in 1990, Germany has put itself through a huge Keynesian reflation by way of deficit spending to reconstruct the East German economy, yet inflation has steadily fallen and today is under 2 percent.

French inflation in the first half of 1995 was 1.7 percent - Europe's lowest — and is forecast spite the reservations of a part of by the OECD to remain under 2 percent throughout 1996. It has been under 2.5 percent since 1992. Why do these two countries need deflationary policies and high interest rates, which choke off employment? The unemployment rate in France has gone from about 10 percent in 1992 to 12 percent today, with much hidden unemployment (Germany's rate

is 9 percent). France also has an extremely serious problem of youth alienation in its immigrant big-city suburbs, with jobless young men of North African origin drawn to Is-

lamic extremist movements. It would surely seem that France's economic priorities should be growth and job creation by means of lowered interest rates. The defense of a strong franc requires high interest rates, austerity, reduced budgets and reduced na-tional deficits, with reduced social expenditure — pleasing the mar-kets and investors, but few others.

Mr. Chirac promises social reforms - measures to reduce unemployment and the marginalization of immigrants - but these are difficult to reconcile with the economic policy choices actually being made.

As in the American case, the policy is intellectually defensible. but is it wise or even prudent? One has in both cases the feeling that priority is given to commitments made in another day and in other circumstances, and that it is

inertia that rules. International Herald Tribane. O Lus Angeles Times Syndicate.

To Help Itself, Turkey Needs Europe's Acceptance promising what they cannot deliver, especially with an up-anddown, inflation-ridden economy. Frustration with the mainstream

parties has led to the growth of the

fundamentalist Welfare Party. presidents have realized. Rather than facilitate political change, The proponents of change have too much pressure could block it. told the public that taking human Even if it did so under foreign rights measures is healthy for pressure, the Turkish government Turkish democracy and that it in fact deserves considerable will ensure Turkey's admission to credit for taking its recent limited the customs union and a brighter human rights steps. The measures are undeniably hard-won and all economic future. They successfully argued against critics who the more significant when one claim that making concession to dren in anti-democratic ideals; considers the context in which ishes Turkey's sovereignty and citing violence; court-martialing that Turkey's so-called friends in soldiers who refuse to carry out they were taken. Domestic politics dominate in Turkey as elsewhere, and nationalist trends are strong. The Kurdish issue, for all

ments look to Europe, and, hap-pily, they have won for now. Bringing Turkey into a customs arrangement with the EU is more likely to fundamentally help accelerate growth, promote eco-nomic reform and improve the human rights situation than any realistic measure I can think of. If Turkey's admission fails to happen next month, it will certainly boost the fundamentalists in the December parliamentary elections, making governance even more difficult.

Modern Turkey has accomplished much in the 75 short years of its existence, given the terrible dilemmas, destruction and divisions that it inherited. More importantly, it has cast its lot with Europe and democracy, however trouble-ridden its democracy. Turkey's path to both would be eased immensely by entry into the customs union. The European Par-liament will bear a great historical burden if Ankara's bid is rejected or postponed.

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IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1895: 'Crude' Fuel ST. PETERSBURG - The enor-

mous and rapidly increasing demand for crude petroleum as fuel is growing to such an extent that "the crude" is a commercial factor of greater value than the "refined." Another sign of the times is that the Baltic and Riga Railroad company has just given the Nobel Brothers a contract for the delivery of no less than a million "puds" of crude petroleum for the purposes of fuel. To provide for the delivery, the Nobel Company has ordered thirty cistern wagons and three steamships.

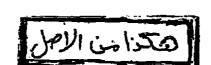
1920: Third Republic

PARIS - Fifty years have passed of the Revolution of September 4

was that revolution. There was no need to overthrow the Empire on September 4, 1870. It fell of itself. The revolution was a peaceful one, for the Empire fell with the capitulation at Sedan, and France rose from the numbness which had followed the news of the reverses culminating in the defeat.

1945: GIs' Bad Manners FRANKFURT -- General Dwight

D. Eisenhower appealed to American service men in Europe whose "standards of courtesy, both military and civilian, have fallen below those that Americans habitually observe at home" to mend their ways because their conduct is reflecting discredit upon the United States. American behavior and since the founding of the Third military conduct in Europe are ex-French Republic, and the winnesses cellent in the vast majority of cases. General Eisenhower said. But, he are becoming rare. If ever a change asserted, "The relatively small miof régime expressed the will and nority can give us a bad reputation need of the country and corre- that will take our country a long sponded to the nation's wishes, it time to overcome."



Pact on Muslim-Croat Alliance Is Signed Move Is Called 'First Step' Toward a Balkan Peace

DAYTON, Ohio — The ebrate what Mr. Christopher ial building block to peace," Croatian president, Alija Izetbegovic, and other officials signed an agreement Friday to shore up a Muslim-Croatian alliance that is seen as a fundamental underpinning to a broader Balkan peace.

The signing is the first product of 10 days of U.S.-led peace power to govern effectively" talks at Wright-Patterson Air small step toward a compre-unite Muslims and Croats and hensive Bosnia peace settle-

"In simple terms, the agreement and the annex that we're announcing today brings the accord would call for unifica-federation to life," Secretary of tion of the divided city of State Warren M. Christopher Mostar and would allow said, referring to a Bosnian Croatian-Muslim federation established under U.S. pressure in 1994 as a way to isolate Bosnian Serbs.

Leaders of Bosnia, Croatia er is tand Serbia assembled to cel-

down that road" to a full set-

many obstacles.

But he said the new accord nally gives the federation "the by creating common political establish a model of interethnic cooperation.

People close to the talks said earlier that the new federation tion of the divided city of refugees to return home.

Serbs, will control one of two ethnic zones in Bosnia. The other is to be under the Bosnian

Mr. Christopher said.

The agreement was signed Mr. Christopher acknowl- after Mr. Christopher met sepedged the federation has faced arately with the three Balkan presidents and warned Croatian leaders against using force to resolves those problems and fi- recover the last Serbian-held swatch of Croat territory in eastern Slavonia.

Mr. Christopher wanted to Force Base here. But it is a only and economic institutions to remind President Franjo Tudjman of Croatia, who sent hundreds of troops Thursday toward eastern Slavonia, that there is a diplomatic channel to resolve the territorial dispute, a senior U.S. official said.

Plans to deal with the dispute here this week were delayed. however. While Mr. Tudiman The federation, a marriage of returned Wednesday to Dayton, convenience against Bosnian a UN mediator, Thorvald Stoltenberg, and Peter Gal-braith, the U.S. ambassador to Croatia, had not come back from a mediating trip.

By now, the American, European and Russian mediators efforts to settle the dispute. which Mr. Christopher called

mediators on Thursday submitted a new set of 11 draft agreements covering Bosnia's future constitutional makeup, its territorial division and military issues such as the separation of forces, officials said. The documents are reported to be so comprehensive that the delegations would need several days

tia against trying to use a set-

manitarian gesture.

A State Department spokes-

home heating.

ic had supported a request by Serbia's president, Slobodan

ably will not be resolved before Mr. Christopher's return to Washington, said the U.S. of-

had hoped to have a report on

an "urgent" problem. On Thursday, international

to study them. Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott said that Bosnia's international borders cannot be changed by force. He also cautioned Serbia and Croa-

tlement to take territory.
Also on Thursday, the United States announced a limited easing of sanctions against Serbian-led Yugoslavia as a "hu-

man. Nicholas Burns, said the economic embargo against the Yugoslavia federation would be eased to permit the delivery of natural gas from Russia for

Milosevic, for an easing of the ural gas through that Serbian pipeline and therefore has an

AIDS Experts See Hope in Gene Link

By Lawrence K. Altman New York Times Service

NEW YORK - Australian scientists have discovered a rare strain of the AIDS virus with an unexpected chink in its genetic armor. Their subjects are a small cluster of people in Australia who are infected with the strain and share a remarkable property — none have developed AIDS, despite having carried the virus for about 14 years.

The finding suggests new opportunities for developing vaccines and drugs on the basis of the newly recognized genetic defect. Researchers cautioned, however, that much more work needed to be

"This is the first time it has been shown unequivocally that modification of the genomic structure of the AIDS virus can dramatically alter the disease process, perhaps weaken it completely," said Dr. John Mills, who heads the Macfarlane Burnet Center for Medical Reappeared Friday in the journal Science.

In their efforts to develop a vaccine, scientists have been trying for years to study these special patients. attenuate the AIDS virus experimentally. It now turns out that nature has done so, to light but for the persistent efforts of a social worker and administrator at the Sydney Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service, Jennifer Learmont.

thousands of records she came across two recipients who had received blood from the same HIV-positive donor.

Strangely, all three individuals were well, which encouraged her to seek other recipients of the donor's blood. She even-tually found seven. Two had died from other diseases. The donor and the other five were well and had no symptoms of AIDS. All six individuals have not developed search in Fairfield, Victoria, where the AIDS after periods of 10 to 14 years.

Believing this unusual cluster held a secret to how the disease might be resisted, Ms. Learmont urged scientists to

Eventually, her efforts bore fruit. The Australian researchers said in the new reyet this rare strain might never have come port that they had found a set of unusual genetic defects in the virus strain carried by

the donor and the five living recipients. The AIDS virus has nine genes, one of which is called nef, for "negative fac-Ms. Learmont was matching donors tor," because originally it seemed to reand recipients of blood transfusions and tard the virus's replication. The Auscomparing them with a list of people who tralian virus has three small segments of were HIV positive. After poring over genetic material that are missing from its nef gene, and two that are absent from a genetic segment known as the long ter-

minal repeat.

These defects are apparently the reason for the virus's relative lack of virulence. Although biologists are still not sure how nef works, they suspect that the defective form of nef inhibits progression of HIV infection by slowing replication of the virus and reducing the amount of virus in

Croats Move Troops to Serb Area

Major Tank-Supported Reinforcement Unsettles UN

ZAGREB, Croatia -- Croatia has moved hundreds of reinforcements toward a rebel Serbian enclave at the center of diplomatic efforts to avert a in the region and at the Balkan fresh outbreak of fighting in the summit session in Dayton, progress.

former Yugoslavia, the United Ohio.

Diplomats said President Nations said Friday.

The deployment around East Slavonia involved about 750 men equipped with tanks, artillery and mortars, a UN spokesman said.

The Croatian Defense Ministry denied that the movements were significant. But the fact that they were under way was buildup, the Yugoslav press agency Tanjug quoted the Serbian commander in East Slavothat they were under way was bian commander in East Slavo-enough to alarm UN and Eu-nia as saying front lines were ropean Union observers.

Slavonia by force unless it side.

agrees by the end of November

to accept Zagreb's rule.
Efforts to prevent renewed fighting that could destabilize the peace process are under way

mediator, Thorvald Stoltenberg, was expected in the Serbian enclave to try to bridge differences between the

two sides. Despite the Croatian military

bian-held enclave in East thousands of men on either

The Defense Ministry described the troop movements as normal, and a Croatian military analyst, Mladen Klemenic, said he did not expect an attack while the Dayton talks were in

Sources in Belgrade said the Franjo Tudiman of Croatia could be putting extra pressure embargo. Bosnia also gets naton the Serbs while he bargains in Dayton. Meanwhile, a U.S. human

rights envoy, John Shattuck, maily. was in the northern Bosnian stronghold of Banja Luka, which is sheltering thousands of Serbian refugees.

He was looking at conditions for the refugees and seeking Croatia has threatened to retake the small but strategic Serbreak out, could involve tens of more Muslim men who have more Muslim men who have reportedly disappeared while in the hands of local Serbs.

NATO: Alliance Renews Search for a Leader After Lubbers Withdraws

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weapons in the country in the mid-1980s. Foreign Minister Hans van Mierlo, who formally withdrew Mr. Lubbers's candidacy, said the government was "comthe government was pletely surprised" by Washington's rejection of its candidate. "It is still unclear whether it ome heating. was on personal or political He said President Izetbegov- grounds," Mr. van Mierlo

> Mr. Lubbers said he stepped aside because his candidacy was becoming divisive. "I've invested a lot in Europe and I

rift," he said in Berlin, where hinted strongly that Paris would block Mr. Ellemann-Jensen if it they were unhappy with the ear-He declined to comment on Washington's opposition, saying, "You have to ask the Americans about that."

French officials also criticized the U.S. decision, particularly because President Jacques Chirac, angered by vigorous Danish protests over France's nuclear testing, had personally campaigned to swing European capitals be-hind the former Dutch prime

"Mr. Lubbers really seemed to have all the qualities to win a ranging consultations among liance to a skeptical U.S. Con-

came to that, even though Foreign Minister Hervé de Charette has invited the Dane to Paris to discuss his candidacy early next week.

"Consensus doesn't go in only one direction," he said, ciple that a new secretary-gen-

ly, public endorsement of Mr. Lubbers last week by Mr. Chirac, Mr. Kohl and Prime Minister John Major of Britain.

But they insisted that Wash ington had made clear from the referring to the alliance prin- start that the Clinton administration did not know Mr. Luberal must obtain the support of bers well, and that administraall 16 capitals. tion officials were unimpressed Reaction from Germany and with his knowledge of the sit-Britain was restrained. A uation in Bosnia, his commitspokesman for Chancellor Hel-ment to NATO enlargement mut Kohl said he wanted wide- and his ability to sell the alterest in the gas flowing norif between the United States France's minister for European ganization allies in the wake of Lubbers in Washington on ally. (Reuters, AP, WP) and European states there is a affairs, said in Brussels. He Mr. Lubbers's withdrawal. Nov. 2.

ISRAEL: Right on Defensive After Rabin Slaying

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believe that the territories Israel seized in 1967 were an integral part of their biblical heritage, and those who believe, as Mr. Rabin did, that the Jewish state can survive only if it relinquishes some of those lands to their the Jewish people," the charge civil war, the temperature only Palestinian inhabitants.

Though there are many shades of view, the Israeli- Rehavam Zeevi, a far-right Palestinian agreement two years ago was perceived by the far right as a direct threat to Israel as a nation.

Religious nationalists asserted that any surrender of Jewish lands was a violation of Jewish law and therefore treason. while conservatives held that and so made Mr. Rabin a mur-

soldiers to disobey orders to shudders through the financial dislodge Israelis; settlers markets when lawmakers fought with the police; Mr. Ra- threaten to use an extension bill year, including a balanced budbin was depicted in extremist to score a political point. placards in an Arab headdress or a Nazi armband, and he was

tlement in Hebron, said at one rally that abandoning the West Bank "is treason and murder, and the government is committing treason and murdering."

At the same rally, Mr. Rabin was accused of "crimes against tered Jews in the Holocaust.

a founder of the Jewish set- member of Parliament, declared that the government was leading the lewish state to "annihilation."

While politicians and security officials warned that this could lead to bloodshed, and some commentators warned of used against Nazis who slaugh- rose with every terrorist bombing, every agreement, every de-

Accounting Office.

It "did not convey to the need badly to win. creating a Palestinian homeland public an image of a well-man— The issue is temporary spendwould put Israel in mortal danaged government," the acing and borrowing authority to ger at the hands of terrorists, counting office added in mild understatement.

Congress has also had to open after Wednesday. The confrontation turned ug-raise the debt ceiling 10 times in

But there seems to be a dif-

keep the government operating

promises they made when they won control of Congress last

ference this year. The rhetoric is reputation for caving under pres-

BUDGET: The Finger of Blame

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The militants spared no and the congressional Repub- clear message for his campaign, words. Rabbi Moshe Levinger, licans have made the whole Democrats said.

budget fight a defining issue for the elections next year, and both

after Monday and its credit line For Republicans, the fight ly. Hard-line rabbis instructed the last decade, often sending represents a chance to deliver on

get within the next seven years. For Mr. Clinton, who has a routinely jeered in public gath-erings. sharper, the political stakes sure, it is a chance to demon-higher. Together, Mr. Clinton strate firmness, resolve and a

BOOKS

FROM THE BEAST TO THE BLONDE: On Fairy Tales and Their Tellers

By Marina Warner, Farrar Straus Giroux. 463 pp. \$35. Reviewed by Michael Dirda

every sort. Marina Warner's
"From the Beast to the Blonde" reclaims, with a scholarship at once deep and gracefully employed, a lost historical dimen-

sion to our greatest fairy tales.
For starters. "From the Beast
to the Blonde" shamelessly emto the Blonde' snamelessiy em-braces both classical myths and all aspects of gossip, reappear ognize as the essential tone of metamorphosed in fairy tale's fairy tale." Disney movies, pious saints' metam plots."
lives and racy Angela Carter short stories. Open to any page and you will discover some un-always been utterly suspect: gamed renewed critical atten-wrected revelatory nugget of "The principal sin ... with tion in recent years, and Marina expected, revelatory nugget of information. For instance, to explain why Mother Goose should connected is lust, for, since the edges the help and importance be the "source" of fairy tales. Warner considers medieval seduction lies in talk, and the John Ellis, Ruth Bottigheimer, views of women's goose-like tongue is seduction's tool." "chatter," discusses the classical Sibyl as both a seductive arat, a lizard and a pumpkin into demon and genuine soothsayer (one who foresaw the coming of Christ), recalls some of the legends surrounding St. Anne (the a century before Perrault was genre that enchants and troubles elderly mother of the Virgin Mary, often depicted as a teacher to little Jesus), and surveys most nefarious witch." would have children, challenges critics, and inspires writers around the world, from the late Italo Calvier to little Jesus), and surveys most nefarious witch." the folklore about the profound wisdom and sexual mystery of on the distaff — the rod on garet Atwood and Salman the Oueen of Sheba.

which flax is wound — that Rushdie. the Queen of Sheba.

Female heterodoxy, it bring together the three Fates turns out, has been consistently who spin our destinies, the Michael Dirda is on the staff linked to the bird-like: hence the communal spinning that en- of The Washington Post.

gurares Warner's examination of sen's Little Mermaid. Mother Goose and her wondrous

which the tongue is particularly Warner handsomely acknowldays of Eve and the serpent, ... of critics such as Jack Zipes,

biblical translation of siren-like courages storytelling, the spin-monsters into ostriches, the me-dieval iconography that shows Beauty to dreamland, and even the Queen of Sheba with a the vulgar sexual symbolism of webbed foot, the tantalizing the distaff as a clyster and dildo. nickname of Charlemagne's Elsewhere Warner elaborates mother, "Big-footed Bertha," on the meaning of blondeness whose visual representations re- and the symbolism of hair, why veal a distinctly goose-like ap- riddles are associated with sex. HERE be monsters. And pendage. and the mutism of Shake-beauties. And marvels of All this, however, only inau-speare's Cordelia and Ander-

There are revealing asides, tales about the vicissitudes of too, such as a lament for all "the love, marriage and domestic life. historical forgettings that drain We learn that the word gossip is our culture," and superb obserlinked to godmother, and then vations: "the authentic recipe of are made to remember that frivolity dreaminess, blitheness defamation, scandal, hearsay, and sadism that we now rec-

Like Bible studies and chil-Women's talk has, of course, dren's literature, fairy tales have

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Princess Salimah Aga Khan has great pleasure in announcing that following the verdict of the Judicial Courts in Geneva on Friday, November 10th 1995, the Jewelry sale scheduled by Christie's for Monday, November 13th will, indeed, take place at the Hôtel Richemond at 3.00 and 8.00 p.m.

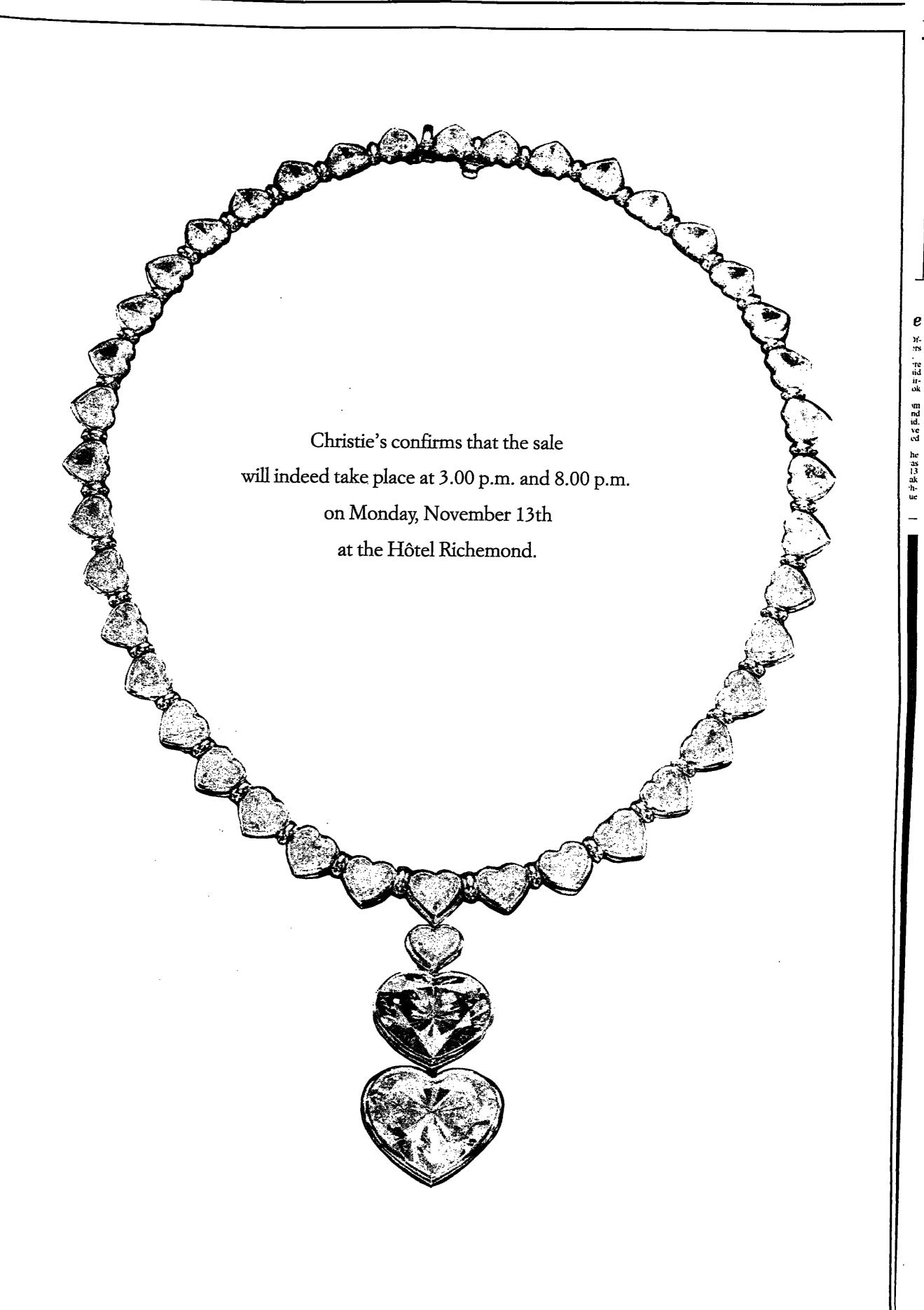
All the threats made in the press by Professor Lalive, acting on behalf of the Aga Khan, are therefore unfounded.

The claims submitted by the Aga Khan to stop this sale have been dismissed.

Buyers have nothing to fear.

Princess Salimah hopes the recent publicity surrounding this sale has not harmed the city of Geneva, which she holds close to her heart and thanks all those who have worked to ensure that Geneva is not deprived of this event.

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The Market Goes From Bust to Boom

International Herald Tribune TEW YORK — With more than \$220 million spent this week in just two night sessions on Impressionist and Modern art, few can doubt that the market is once again booming.

Yearning for the classics of every school is reaching levels of intensity reminiscent of the late 1980s, heightened by awareness that these are vanishing fast

On Tuesday, at Christie's, the kind of feverish anxiety that this generates made itself felt from the very first lot. The portrait of the sculptor Oscar Michaninoff painted by Modigliani in 1916 triggered furious competition and climbed to a steep \$9.35 million. Here,

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the price could be due to the remarkable quality of the portrait, among the mas-

It would be harder to make a similar case for the two Picassos that soared skyhigh shortly after. The first, a Rose Period portrait of a boy done in gouache in 1905, was hugely expensive at \$12.1 million. Gouache is traditionally less sought after as a medium than oil, and the picture is hardly Picasso's masterpiece.

But this price pales into insignificance compared with the \$20 million given for "Le Miroir," painted in one day, March 12, 1932. There is a spoofy touch to the woman's coy face and to her broadly stylized bust topped by the reflection of her bare bottom in a mirror above. This is a striking image with a posterlike quality, not a great painting.

That "Le Miroir" should have soared so high despite having been in the market six years ago says a lot about the current dearth of goods.

The same factor boosted a large composition of sundry bits of colored paper cut out in the form of ornamental motifs and pasted on a large sheet of paper in turn mounted on canvas. Done by Matisse in 1951, when he could no longer wield a brush, the cut-paper piece dubbed "Poissons Chinois" (Chinese Fishes) has an element of classroom artwork in it. The \$6.38 million at which it ended up seems extravagant. Perhaps the Cubist rendition of three-dimensionthe memory of the record £13.75 million al form as juxtaposed planes. paid for "La Vis," another paper work part in prompting bidders to compete so vehemently for the "Chinese Fishes."

While specific reasons can always be position is superb, but the condition is Paying huge prices for the nearest invoked to justify each price, Sotheby's not. Some yellows have veered to white equivalents to the vanished mastersale a day later brought further evidence and the paint surface is slightly disexample of any of the great masters'



"Le Miroir" by Picasso, 1932, went for \$20 million at Christie's.

The enthusiasm triggered by Fernand "Contrastes de Formes" (Contrasting Forms), is equally astonishing. The com-

All of which seems as nothing when \$4.62 million. This, too, is a one-day rent title, "Sous-bois" — which was mitment to art.

bist days, offering a curious compro- dabs of color rhythmically applied, it is a mise between traditional figuration and far cry from the swirling manner of the Saint-Rémy period. Indeed, "Sousbois" might have heralded a new phase, more subdued, gliding toward abstracdating from 1951, which was sold at Léger's "La Pipe," executed in 1918 tion. Interesting, but tame, it is not the Sotheby's in November 1993, played a when the artist was engaged in his series kind of work one would have expected to shoot to an astounding \$26.9 mil-

pieces is, perhaps, the inevitable of a frantic search for anything that can turbing. Not to the buyer, though, judg-homage that big money pays to art in a name of Norman Granz, renowned for gave the painting its modern ti-Paintings of The Hague, which was not Vermeer's, he had to be seen, if only superficially, as a typical ing from the \$6.6 million he paid for it. penury market. The danger lies in the his good eye, but also for his keemness to the, "Girl With a Pearl Ear- owns the painting." accompanying phenomenon — the avid sell at a maximum, and more. For the ring." red with the hysteria that broke buying of works sought after for their auction houses, the damage was limited. It sent a late Picasso portrait of a out over van Gogh's close-up view of signatures by those to whom this often

no chance a year ago is a telling sign of the role played by a new wave of art buyers.

It was amazing to see Renoir's tiny portrait of Nini Lopez, "Blond Profile," with its unpleasant blur in the eyes, go up to \$992,500 at Christie's. Similarly, few would have dared predict a happy fate for Toulouse-Lautrec's "A l'Elysée-Montmarre," an oil sketch perfunctorily dispatched. It is probably unfinished, as the empty foreground appears to suggest. In the event, the sketch made more than \$1.2 million. Equally unexpected is the \$3.5 million for Monet's "Charing Cross Bridge," a confused view done in 1903 that, again, gives the impression of hav-

ing been left unfinished.

The picture that topped it all was Modigliani's portrait of a woman seated in front of a chimney piece. The head is too small, the neck as rigid as a log. The hands are formless. But none of this stopped the portrait from exceeding the high estimate put on it by Christie's, as it sold for \$1.48 million.

Sotheby's, too, had its share of mirac-

ulous sales. Modigliani's "Caryatid" was one. With raised arms that seem to have had their hands chopped off, it nevertheless found a taker at \$640,500. Degas's picture of a woman in the nude, seen three-quarters back with one leg awkwardly raised, could easily have run into trou-ble. Her hand melts away, as does her hair. The forearm of a woman standing behind her disintegrates into pink jelly. As bidding reached \$2.6 million, Simon de Pury, who conducted the sale, had to good wit to let it go, even though the estimate was improbably set at \$4 million to \$6 million.

ET, two of the week's gems were not expensive as the market goes. The finest Picasso, a Cubist composition of 1911 which, in addition to its aesthetic merit, is a rarity, made a relatively moderate \$7 million at Christie's. In the same sale. Sisley's admirable view of the countryside under snow near Argenteuil could be had for only \$1.98

The similarities that the new situation presents with the late 1980s are striking. Buyers are scrambling to buy, often indiscriminately, and auction houses. anxious to get goods for sale, are prepared to promise the earth to prospective vendors. Already, there was one ca-sualty this week at Sotheby's, the "property of a private collection." Of seven works offered, only one sold.

woman in Turkish costume soaring to trees and undergrowth — hence the curseums to be a game as much as a com-seems to be a game as much as a com-are treading a very thin line. The market while cleaning the painting for thy altered role in the compo-original paint underneath." he seems to be a game as much as a com-seems to be a game as much as a com-could easily spin out of control and crash "Vermeer and the Art of Paint-sition too, collecting and fo-said. "So, in the end, I did some could easily spin out of control and crash picture. Done on Nov. 19, 1955, its style painted in July 1890, a few days before harks back to the painter's earlier, Cuthe artist took his own life. With its short paintings that would have stood little or applied in time.

${\it Carnegie\, Hodge podge}$

By Roberta Smith New York Times Service

ITTSBURGH — The Carnegie In- wanna have fun. ternational is once again falling asleep at the wheel, or at least that's the implication of the congenial assortment of painting, sculpture and video art forming the 1995 incarnation of this big survey of

contemporary art. Founded in 1896 and mounted every few years at the Carnegie Museum of Art, the Carnegie International has, like most such shows, drifted between alertness and drowsy

The 1995 Carnegie has been overseen by Richard Armstrong, curator of contemporary art at the Carnegie since 1992 and for the eight preceding years a curator at the Whitney Museum of American Art.

occupational hazards of a big international show. He has kept the number of artists down, to 36, giving most of them ample space. He has excluded all the artists who were in the 1991 Carnegie, hoping to escape usual-suspects repetition. And he has reconsolidated the show

within the museum to further differentiate it from its predecessor and, one supposes, to avoid the messiness of much installation art. This "no muss or fuss" affair feels strangely empty, devoid of visual excitement or new information or any whiff of risk or controversy.

past, narrowly applied, and a good many of the suspects are usual enough. It favors sculpture over painting and representation over abstraction, although not necessarily in the same artworks. The opening gallery features Robert Therrien's impeccably made one-liner "Under the Table," a garage-

size table surrounded by huge chairs, which reduces the viewer to Lilliputian proportions and all but sings out loud, "Curators just

Overall the show is a weird hybrid, determined to please so many art-world factions that it will probably please none. It wobbles uncertainly between the Lane-Caldwell extravaganzas and the more self-aware Cooke-

Francis effort.

On the one hand, the Neo-Expressionists are back, in the paintings of Georg Baselitz and Sigmar Polke, neither of whom is doing his best work right now. (Although that didn't stop Polke from winning the Carnegie Prize, along with the American artist Richard Artschwager, whose Whitney retrospective Armstrong organized in 1988.)

receding years a curator at the Whitney Musum of American Art.

Armstrong organized in 1900.)

But the show gives more space than many such shows to female artists — a total of 11, or nearly one-third — yet few make a strong impression. Angela Grauerholz, a young Germon When he has kept the number of artists down man photographer, shoots herself in the foot by displaying a flat file containing more than 200 photographs to be removed by a docent at the

XCEPTING Robert Gober and Cindy Sherman, American artists of the '80s are nowhere in sight, continuing a blackballing costly to current art. More space goes to older Americans with blue-chip reputations — Chuck Close, Agnes Martin, Richard Tuttle, Joan Mitchell and With 29 artists from either Europe or North Donald Judd -- setting a tone of staid fa-America, the term "international" is, as in the miliarity.

The closest thing to a show stopper is the haunting concrete-filled wardrobes and cabinets of the Colombian artist Doris Salcedo, a total of 23 pieces pushed into the corner of a gallery as if in storage, which exude a suffocating sense of lives buried alive.

Unveiling Real Vermeer

By Kay Larson

ASHINGTON — Sometime in the last century, a fragment of white paint migrated from its place in Vermeer's portrait of a girl with a blue headdress and settled on the earring that dangles in the shadows of her neck.

Dealers sniggered as they muttered the bauble's apparent diameter and ritshuis, the Royal Cabinet of that proved that the black paint

Sunday at the National Gallery to the observer.

of Art, they saw varnish under-neath the paint chip, proof that elry spilling out of boxes. The wall behind her is almost cov-

flection, newly visible on the that Vermeer painted around underside of the earring, en- three sides of the Lust Judgment. larges its apparent dimension to In the "before" picture, the ly no pearl could be so large. Bull looked at an X-ray pho-But, if not, then what is it?

Glued down by murky var-nish, the paint chip shrank the chief conservator of the Mau-a yellow pigment. After tests

If so, it tells a new tale. The They made a lot of money. But they looked through a microscope blue-white sheen. It plays a sub- repaint would also damage the sition too, collecting and fo- said. "So, in the end, I did some ing," an exhibition that opens cusing light and sending it back experiments with a stereomi-

meer was caught up in the spirit one's eyes. of inquiry and discovery restlessly moving through his cen-tury. More than three centuries later, modern science has trained its own lens on Vermeer's work, sometimes changing the inter-pretation of even the best-known pictures

The Vermeer exhibition, Gallery through Feb. 11 and at the Mauritshuis starting in March, was organized by the National Gallery, in coniunction with Ben Broos, curator of the Mauritshuis. They have gathered 21 out of approx-

imately 35 known Vermeers. National Gallery, gave a visitor dramatic effect, he brought a set

the fragment was not original. ered by a picture of the Last And the pearl is, well, per-haps not a pearl. A second re-ested in the heavy black frame about the size of a quarter. Sure- frame is solid black. But when tograph of the painting, he saw It could be a silver or glass two lines. Under a microscope,

"We determined that any earring glitters with a hard, solvent that would dissolve the croscope and an optical scalpel, Born in Delft in 1632, Ver- the kind used to operate on

E scraped the black paint off by hand. Now fully visible, the gold lines have changed the painting's internal dynamics, focusing a viewer's eve on all the yellows: the curtain at the window, the womwhich will be at the National an's swollen belly, the light on the wall.

"Until this painting was cleaned, there were people who Arthur K. Wheelock Jr., curator didn't believe she was pregof northern baroque paintings at nant." Bull said. "They thought it was just the style of dress. Now, for me, there is no question she is pregnant. Her worldly possessions are in front of her, the Last Judgment is behind David Bull, chairman of her, and she's pregnant. This paintings conservation at the painting used to be known as the National Gallery, gave a visitor 'Woman Weighing Gold.' a tour of the Vermeers he had recently finished cleaning. For She's not weighing gold at all. She's weighing her life."

of "before" pictures.

Kay Larson, an art critic who
is writing a book on contem-Kay Larson, an art critic who ing of a woman standing at a porary American art, wrote this table, a scales before her, jew- for The New York Times.

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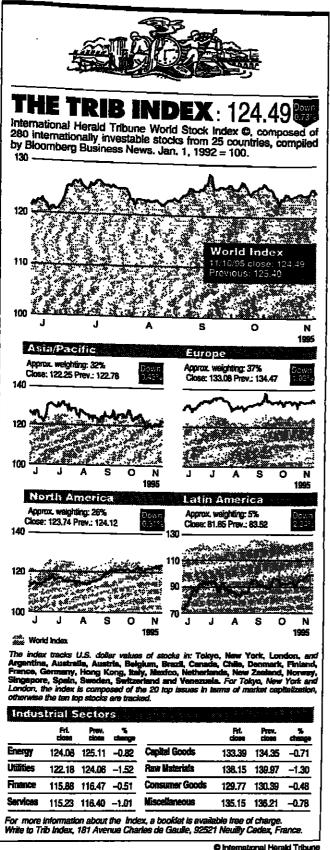
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Tokyo Concedes A Point

Banks Will Get A Closer Watch

By Sandra Sugawara
Washington Post Service

TOKYO --- Battered at home and abroad by criticism of their handling of the Daiwa Bank scandal and the banking industry's loan crisis, Finance Ministry officials said Friday that Japan's bank regulatory system had not kept pace with the rapid liberalization and internationalization of the banking industry over the past few years.

Yukio Yoshimura, spokes-man for the Finance Ministry, said the ministry had set up a committee that would try to address some of the criticisms directed at Japan by outside bankers and regulators.

[Japan's central bank governor has had surgery and will be out of action for about a month, Reuters reported.

[The central bank said the official, Yasuo Matsushita, had prostate tumor removed Wednesday.]

'Our traditional style will not be appropriate, so we have to change," said Mr. Yoshimu-

"The Finance Ministry is trying to shift emphasis from a more traditional style to a more market-oriented supervision." The committee intends to set

up a system to improve communication with foreign financial regulatory authorities, require more stringent audits by banks, reform bank reporting procedures for wrongdoing and increase inspections of overseas bank branches. the new currency," he said in Parliament.

Excessive deficits would be tolerated only in "extremely exceptional cases," Mr. Waigel said, and violators should have to post a noninterest-

The Finance Ministry has been under attack for failing to inform U.S. authorities quickly after it learned Daiwa Bank had run up \$1.1 billion of unauthorized bond trading losses.

Coke and Disney Link Up **But New Ad Agency Raises Questions**

Waigel Seeks Fines for Deficits

By Stuart Elliott New York Times Service

NEW YORK - Coca-Cola Co. is shocking Madison Avenue again by forming a joint advertising venture with one of its biggest marketing partners, Walt Disney Co.

They will operate an agency with a single client, Coca-Cola, and a singular asset, an account with spending of more than \$500 million annually around the world.

The deal was brokered by Michael Ovitz. who left this summer as chairman of the pow-erful talent agency Creative Artists Agency to join Disney as president. Coca-Cola stunned the advertising industry four years ago by hiring Mr. Ovitz, often described as the most important man in Hollywood, and Creative Artists to help reverse its then-flagging fortunes after a series of weak campaigns.

The agency's formation, announced late this week, has implications beyond whether Coca-Cola's advertising will continue to show playful characters like thirsty polar bears and The new agency will also enable Mr. Ovitz animated ice cubes or iconic elements like the contoured bottle and red-disk logo.

It also strengthens the links between two companies that between them own perhaps the world's two best-known brand names and are each other's customers in areas such as product sales and character licensing.

As such, it represents a potentially groundbreaking alliance between one of the world's

BONN - Finance Minister Theo Waigel out-

lined tough new rules for a future European

monetary union Friday, calling for heavy fines

on countries that piled up excessive deficits after

Elaborating on Germany's call for a "stability pact," Mr. Waigel urged automatic sanctions on

governments that accumulated deficits greater

than 3 percent of gross domestic product, the

confidence placed in the mark and other stable

currencies in Europe today and transferring it to

'We must succeed in pulling together the

the switch to a common currency

limit set in the Maastricht treaty.

largest advertisers and one of the largest entertainment companies (soon to grow even larger by buying Capital Cities/ABC).

That could further blur the already indistinct

line between content and commercialism in such popular-culture venues as films, television series and theme parks. It might also pose sticky conflict problems in areas ranging from the soft-drink brands sold at Disneyland to whether moviegoers will watch Jim Carrey down a Coke or a Pepsi.

Sergio Zyman, senior vice president and chief marketing officer of Coca-Cola in Atlanta, played down those concerns.
"There are not going to be conflicts," be

said, "because we don't have an exclusive agreement with Disney to not do anything with anyone else. We have ongoing relationships with a lot of customers worldwide."

He said he doubted other film studios would

The new agency will also enable Mr. Ovitz to continue successful and lucrative relationships that he developed with Mr. Zyman and other top Coca-Cola executives and will reunite him with the creative team he brought to Creative Artists to work for Coca-Cola, which will join the new agency. Those ties could benefit Disney across its increas-

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of deficit above the 3 percent limit. Governments would only get their money back if they put their

The European Commission did not respond

'We are generally favorable to anything that

Yves-Thibault de Silguy, the European commissioner responsible for the single currency pro-gram, said Friday that any delay in convergence would require renegoriation of the Maastricht

accord - a process that he said the treaty could

added," a commission spokesman said.

directly to the proposal.

Japan Car Firms Say Lower Yen Will Boost Profit

TOKYO - The recent depreciation of the yen spurred predict higher profits for the year despite a sluggish domestic economy and fierce competition.

Toyota Motor Corp. revised its forecast for parent current profit to 300 billion yen (\$2.93 billion) in the financial year that ends March 31 from a May forecast of 200 billion yen. Toyota said current profit fell

54 percent, to 68.06 billion yen, in the six months that ended on Sept. 30.
"The upward revision of

1995/96 profits is due to the weaker yen and cost-cutting measures," Vice Chairman Masami Iwasaki said. Current profit is pretax and

includes gains and losses on securities investments and other non-operating activities. Year-earlier figures were not available because Japan's

biggest carmaker has changed

ts accounting period.

But Toyota also said its domestic market share fell to 39.8 percent, the first time in 12 years has been below 40 percent.

It lowered its forecast of domestic sales to 2.09 million units for the financial year from a May forecast of 2.26 million, Mr. Iwasaki said.

public accounts back in order within two years.

Mr. Waigel has led the government's defense of the single-currency plan amid attacks by the opposition Social Democrats. The government maintains that Maastricht provides safeguards for the new currency, due to be established by 1999.

The European Commission did not respond But it raised its forecast of exports to 1.14 million units from the May forecast of 1.10

Toyota would cut its costs by total of 130 billion yen in the full year, including 60 billion in leads to durable economic convergence as long as it doesn't lead to more conditions being the first half, he said.

The yen's appreciation cut operating profit by 60 billion yen in the first half, but the from 63,000. company said the subsequent retreat of the currency would help export earnings and add 80 billion yen in the second half. Mitsubishi Motors Corp., said.

one of the leaders in Japan's rapidly expanding sports-utility segment, posted its highest Japanese automakers Friday to midyear profit in four years. Mitsubishi said profit rose 22.7 percent, to 21.35 billion yen, from the same period a

year ago. It sold a record number of cars in Japan, bolstered by the popularity of its Pajero Mini, a compact model. Sales will be 30,000 vehicles below our original fore-cast this year," Managing Di-rector Minoru Wada said, "but

profits will rise because of the weaker yen and an increase in export prices."
Mitsubishi had earlier forecast a strong yen would cut op-erating profit this year by 50 billion yen, but it revised the

figure to 30 billion yen. Mazda Motor Corp. reported that its parent current loss was 17.21 billion yen in the first half, compared with its May forecast of a 20 billion-yen loss.

An executive vice president, Makoto Miyaji, said the automaker expected to break even for the full year, helped by the weaker yen and cost-cutting. Last year, it reported a loss of 35.49 billion yen

Another carmaker, Fuji Heavy Industries Ltd., reported parent current profit of 2.24 billion yen in the half, compared with a loss of 2.31 billion yen in the six months through Sept. 30, 1994. The company credited the gain to strong sales of its mainstay Subaru Legacy and Impreza models.

But the company lowered its full-year forecast for domestic sales to 350,000 units from a May prediction of 360,000, and its export forecast to 58,000

It said it hoped to push its full-year profit to 8 billion yen through cost-cutting, Managing Director Takayoshi Yoshihashi

ECONOMIC SCENE

Sweden Approaches Stability

By Erik Ipsen International Herald Tribune

LONDON — After years of being coldshouldered by much of the international investing community — of being relegated to the camp of dodgy, high-yield countries — Sweden is edging towards the stable core of Europe. "I think we have graduated from being a

member of the high-risk countries like Italy and Spain," said Ulf Jakobsson, chief economist for the Swedish Federation of Industries. Outward signs of the new mood toward

Swedish assets abound. The krona has become one of Europe's most buoyant currencies this year, rising 10.5 percent against the dollar, and even inching up 1.7 percent against the mighty Deutsche mark. This week, Avinash Persaud, currency strategist for J.P. Morgan in London, confirmed the krona's new status, commending it in a report as "our largest long position." Mr. Persand and others warn, however, that

the krona's move owes as much to investors' increased appetite for risk as to perceptions of reduced risk in Sweden. In recent days as well, continuing doubts over who will succeed Ingvar Carlsson as the head of the ruling Social Democratic Party have caused some new uncertainties about Sweden's stability.

Those doubts were highlighted Friday by the resignation of the only official candidate for the job, Deputy Prime Minister Mona Sahlin, following allegations of irregularities in her use of official credit cards.

Those concerns notwithstanding, the strong currency and the downward pull it has exerted on inflation since the spring have spurred a strong rally in the Swedish bond market. That in

Sources: ING Bank (Amsterdam); Indosvez Bank (Brussels); Banca (Milan): Agence France-Presse (Ports); Bank of Takya (Takya); Royai (b); IMF (SDR), Other data from Reuters and AP,

turn has helped the OMX stock index soar more than 17 percent this year, making it one of the biggest gainers in all of Europe.

Analysts give much of the credit for Sweden's improved fortunes to the factor that had for so long held it back - government policy. "Sweden's big companies have been in good shape for some time," said Roy Berg, an analyst for Den norske Bank AS in Stockholm. "The problem was the state of the government's finances, which have now shown a clear improvement this year."

In presenting its growth strategy, the Swedish Finance Ministry predicted Monday that government debt as a percentage of gross domestic product would stabilize this year, one year ahead of its forecasts of last spring. It also predicted that Sweden's debt burden would finally begin to ebb next year from an expected 1995 total of nearly 85 percent of GDP. "The central government's finances are now under control," the ministry said.

Private economists predictably take a less sanguine view. Many point out that much of the reduction in the government's deficit has come from a combination of cyclical factors and new taxes. The top marginal income-tax rate was raised this year to 55 percent from 50 percent, with new social security taxes adding 8 percent on to that, according to some estimates.

Meanwhile, cuts in government spending, which still accounts for more than 60 percent of GDP — the highest in the industrialized world — have accounted for only about half of the improvement in public finances this year.
Still, by Swedish standards those spending

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troubling prospects for economic growth, analysts said Friday.

According to a survey by IN-SEE, the national statistics buindex fell to a reading of minus 31 in October from minus 27 in France was just emerging from its worst postwar recession.

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consumers expect a deterioration in the labor market, the survey showed, reflecting last month's news that the unemployment rate was rising again after a year of gradual declines. It rose to 11.5 percent in September, one of the highest in Europe, from 11.4 percent in August.

Confidence

PARIS — Rising unemployment has pushed consumer confidence in France to its lowest level in nearly two years, raising

reau, the consumer confidence September. That is the lowest since the end of 1993, when

Dépôts & Consignations said the concern was lowering its growth forecasts "because consumer demand is going to disappoint." It now expects France's gross domestic product to grow 2.7 percent this year, rather than 2.9 percent previously forecast, and 2.4 percent or 2.5 percent next

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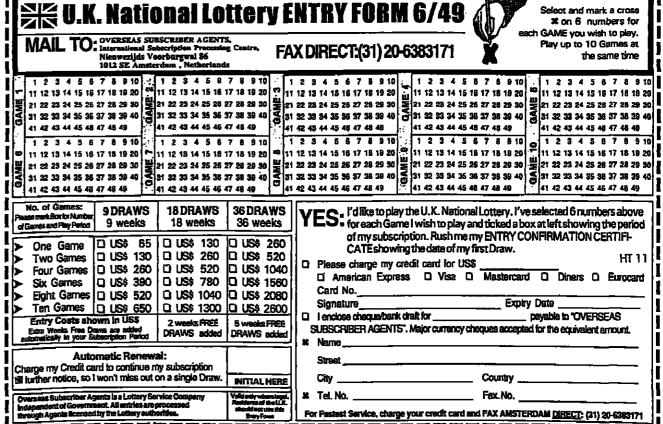
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U.S. Gasoline Prices Reach a Low

leaving analysts puzzled as to the origin and depth of the decline.

relatively low crude oil prices, fierce competition among gasoline

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fourth-quarter charges of \$400 million to \$600 million for the

adoption of a new accounting standard on the depreciation of

Time Warner Inc.'s proposed acquisition of Turner Broad-

casting System Inc. was delayed by a second formal demand for

information by the Federal Trade Commission. Analysts said the

demand was a sign that the government was actively considering

AirTouch Communications Inc. and three Baby Bells

Nynex Corp., Bell Atlantic Corp. and US West Inc. — will pay

American Greetings Corp. expressed a "high level of in-

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opposing the \$7.4 billion deal on antitrust grounds.

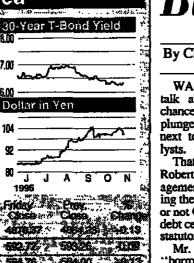
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Very briefly:

Budget: Not Much Chance of Default Rally Is Held Back



By Clay Chandler and Stephen Bart

WASHINGTON — For all the anxious talk about the debt-ceiling crisis, the chances that deadlock on the budget will plunge the United States into default are next to nil, according to financial ana-

That is because the Treasury secretary. Robert E. Rubin, has a host of cash management techniques at his disposal allowing the government to pay its bills whether or not Congress moves quickly to raise the debt ceiling beyond its current \$4.9 billion

Mr. Rubin's most likely line of defense: 'borrowing' from the multibillion-dollar savings and pension funds of federal workers. The funds are so large they could keep the government afloat right through the November 1996 election — depending on how far Mr. Rubin is willing to go in testing the laws that protect them

On Wall Street, bond traders cite Mr. to use one trust fund to circumvent the debt

Some federal workers, though, are dismayed that their pensions may become entangled in the power struggle between President Bill Clinton and Congress.

Republicans are nervous about that possibility, too. If Mr. Clinton stands his ground and draws down federal savings and pension funds rather than knuckle under to Republican demands, it is not clear who voters will hold responsible.

On Wednesday, Mr. Rubin pledged that he would not draw money from the Social Security trust fund if the Treasury is pressed for extra cash — although no one had said that he would. On Thursday, however, House Republicans picked up on that point and issued urgent warnings that if Mr. Rubin was willing to tap federal pensions. there was no telling at what point he would

stop.
Mr. Rubin "has already stated his desire

Rubin's ability to tap the giant funds as a major reason why financial markets remain blase about the prospect of default.

By Political Impasse Ways and Means Committee, Bill Archer. Republican of Tayan "We should be about the prospect of default." any trust fund to dodge the debt limit, especially the Social Security trust fund."

Partisan rhetoric is building as the government approaches Nov. 15, the date by which the Treasury - already only a few billion shy of the current ceiling — must cough up enough cash to meet a \$25 billion interest payment and a few billion dollars in miscellaneous expenditures, including

military salaries. Louis Crandall, an economist with R.H. Wrightson & Associates, contends that even without an immediate increase in the debt. Mr. Rubin can keep the Treasury afloat through December without straining fiscal precedents.

'Nov. 15 is not a real deadline," said Mr. Crandall, who publishes The Money Market Observer, a respected financial newsletter. "Clearly on this point the Congress has been set up" by the admin-

NEW YORK — Stocks were mixed Friday as investor con-cern that the U.S. government could default on its debt overshadowed gains among bluechip issues.

budget also drove bond prices

The dancing around in Washington is starting to bother

U.S. STOCKS

Wall Street," said James Solloway of Argus Research. The Dow Jones industrial av-

erage closed up 6.14 points at a record 4,870.37, but declining issues led advancers by a 6-to-5

Boeing shares closed up 11/4 at 711/4 as the White House signaled it would not endanger the company's China business. The rise came even as the aerospace company's union workers filed charges accusing Boeing of threatening picketers and bar-gaining unfairly on health-insurance benefits.

Other gaining Dow components included Kodak, up 13/8 at 6614, and Alcoa, which rose 11/2

Bonds fell sharply amid spec-ulation that President Bill Clinton would veto a temporary increase in the federal debt ceiling. Such a veto could shut down the government, halt further bortrigger a U.S. default, and the benchmark 30-year Treasury bond reacted by falling 23/32 to 107 4/32 in late trading. That raised its yield to 6.34 percent from 6.28 percent Thursday.

Stock traders were not happy about the political deadlock, either. Some interest-sensitive stocks, such as Morgan Stanley, down 1% at 87%, fell over fears of rising interest rates.

budget situation, you're not going to have people making bets and going long," said Todd Clark of Rodman & Renshaw. Technology shares were

With the uncertainty of the

Cisco Systems paced the gainers by posting a 71 percent gain in its first-quarter net profit, well ahead of analysts' predictions. The report countered concern that profit increases The political battle over the among computer-related companies were slowing. Cisco shares closed up 11/4 at 871/s.

Sun Microsystems shot up 41/4 to 89 % after it reported it had bought 8.4 million shares, or 69 percent of the 12.2 million authorized, under a buyback plan.

But some of the leading technology issues fell, including intel, which closed down ¼ at 6814; Microsoft, off 2 1/8 at 9674. and IBM, down 1 at 971/s. Transportation stocks tose,

paced by Conrail, which closed up 21/4 at 681/4 on rumors it was a target for a takeover by Norfolk Southern. David Holt of Wedbush

Morgan Securities said investors were buying and selling stocks to lock in profits for the year or take tax-related losses. "There is a high-level con-

solidation going on here," he said. "We're basically stuck here, with really no motivation to do anything other than to move things around." Despite the political uncer-

tainty, traders were upbeat about the medium-term prognosis for the market.

In particular, they pointed to the large amount of money rowing by the Treasury and even flowing into mutual funds. For the past four weeks, investors have increased their holdings in stock mutual funds, according to AMG Data Services.

Investors bought \$2.5 billion of stock fund shares in the week ended Wednesday, AMG said, up from \$2.37 billion the previous week.

At the end of October, there was \$1.4 trillion in money market funds and certificates of deposit. That level has been growing since the Federal Reserve began raising rates early last year. If rates fall after the budget impasse ends, money managers said, investors may move that mixed despite a rally in Inter- money into stocks for greater net-related software and equip- gains. (Bloomberg, AP)

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USAir-UAL Link Possible, Not Probable

By Adam Bryant New York Times Service

NEW YORK — There is a 50-50 chance that on Monday, UAL Corp. will make an offer, with many significant strings at-WASHINGTON (WP) — American gasoline prices have tached, to acquire USAir Group Inc., people familiar with UAL's deliberations say. plunged to their lowest level in decades in inflation-adjusted dollars, An offer by the parent of United Air Although gasoline prices typically drop in the autumn, after the Lines would no doubt revive jitters that peak summer driving season, a decline this large is unusual. investors expressed in early October, when Analysts attribute the price plunge to several factors, including they responded to USAir's announcement

UAL shares down more than \$6. The stock who has written about employee stock has since recovered.

An offer from UAL, if one does come, would speak as much about its own labormanagement relations as anything else. In particular, it will be about efforts by the airline's chairman, Gerald Greenwald, to change the corporate culture of United, where employees have owned a majority stake since July 1994.

"The more important elements of this story are not the deal itself," said Joseph R. that it was talking with UAL by bidding Blasi, a professor at Rutgers University

ownership in the airline industry.

Mr. Greenwald has set out various criteria any deal would have to meet. Any offer would have to be approved by United employees. In addition, it could not weigh down UAL's rising share price or hurt the company's efforts to improve its credit rating. Nor could a deal dilute employees' current 55 percent stake in United.

USAir has said it is also talking with AMR Corp., the parent of American Airlines, about a possible acquisition.

Optimism on Debt Accord Lifts Dollar

Bloomberg Business News NEW YORK — The dollar rose Friday

against most other major currencies as investors wagered that the U.S. government would not default on its debt.

'When push comes to shove, we're not going to run out of money," said Varick Martin at Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co. in New York. "The bottom line is something will be done."

The dollar rose to 1.4175 Deutsche marks Friday, up from 1.4113 DM on terest" in acquiring Gibson Greetings Inc. despite Gibson's Thursday. The dollar rose to 100.90 yen WP, AP, Bloomberg from 100.38 yen, to 1.1396 Swiss francs

from 1.1360 francs, and to 4.8835 French why we haven't seen more deterioration in francs from 4.8670 francs. The pound fell to \$1.5660 from \$1.5790.

Optimism that default would be averted came even as President Bill Clinton said

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

any rise in U.S. borrowing power proposed by Congress would be unacceptable.

'Most folks are hoping and believing some last-minute compromise will come about," said Mark Vitner at First Union erans' Day holiday, which was celebrated Corp. in Charlotte, North Carolina. "That's Friday because it falls on Saturday this year.

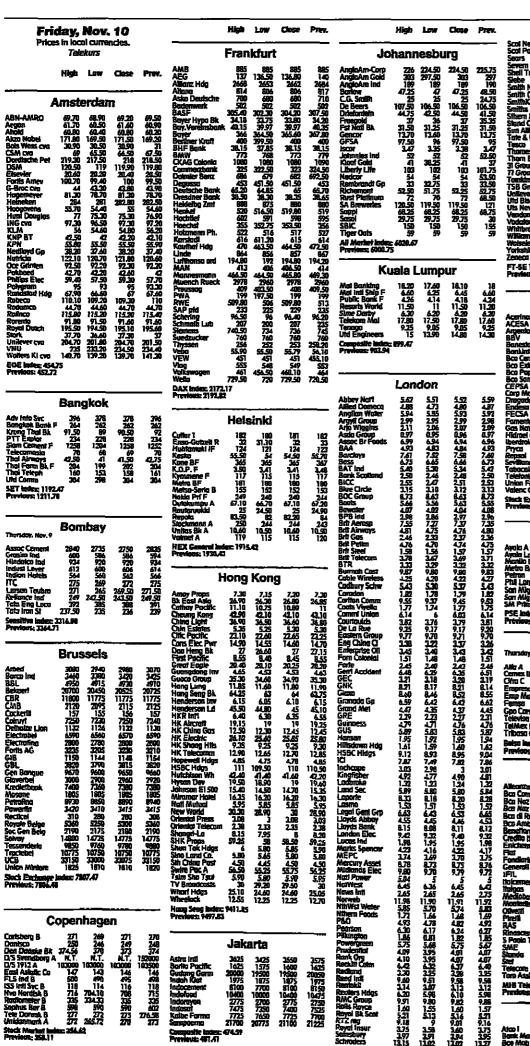
the dollar or the bond market."

Mr. Clinton said Friday he wanted to work with Congress on the budget but not "under the threat of a government default or shutdown." Traders' expectations that the Bank of

Japan was ready to prop up the dollar if it fell below 100 yen also kept the U.S. currency from sliding. Currency trading was thin in the United

States with many banks closed for the Vet-

WORLD STOCK MARKETS



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A Strong Guilder Leaves Unilever **Stalled in Neutral**

Bloomberg Business News

and household products maker, reported third-quarter net profit reported third-quarter net profit on Friday that was about even lines include Persil detergent, with 1994 results.

buoyant earnings growth in the billion guilders a year earlier. United States and more modest

Cost-Cutting Lifts SAS Profit 73% For First 9 Months

one should reckon with an un-strockholm — Scandi-navian Airlines System, the Ebeling, a banker at Kempen & strike-plagued Nordic flag carrier, said Friday its pretax profit friendlier." rose 73 percent in the first nine months of 1995 on cost-cutting

and increased ticket sales. SAS, owned by private interests and the governments of Sweden, Norway and Denmark. cent when calculated in dollars. said profit before taxes rose to said profit before taxes rose to
2.15 billion Swedish kronor
cent, to 22.71 billion guilders, (\$322 million) in the period.

Third-quarter revenue rose 6.5 percent, to 26.75 billion kronor, as the airline said it flew more EuroClass and businessclass passengers and raised prices on some routes.

Operating costs fell 324 mil- (\$19.09). lion kronor during the period, SAS said.

"Part of the result improvement in the third quarter is because currency losses have in consumer spending and a deis another reason the results look good," said Hanne Roj-Larsen, an analyst at Den Danske Bank. The krona rose 4.7 percent against the dollar from June 1 to Sept. 29.

Nearly a dozen strikes in Scandinavia this year caused the company to take a 300 million kronor charge in the third quarter. SAS said it would begin a program to minimize the risk of labor conflicts, but it acknowledged that past conflicts could have a "significant

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Town the Angle Divisions of the strength of the Group, the Anglo-Dutch food guilder and increased tax and interest payments.

ith 1994 results.

Although it represented the num ice cream, earned 1.224 best quarterly performance so billion guilders (\$774.6 milfar this year, the third quarter's lion), barely changed from 1.225

> The flat third-quarter earnings followed a 4 percent drop in the second quarter and a 7 percent drop in first-quarter results.

You are seeing a steady improvement in earnings, but it is at a very slow pace," said Darrell Duthie, an analyst at the merchant bank Mees Pierson.

'The general picture is that Co. "Next year could be a bit

Unilever said third-quarter net profit would have risen 4 percent under constant exchange rates. Earnings rose 8 percent when expressed in pounds, and 10 per-

while operating profit rose 9 per-cent, to 2.31 billion guilders. In Amsterdam, Unilever shares rose 3.20 guilders, to 204.70.

In London, the shares advanced 25 pence, to £12.12

Unilever said its nine-month profit fell 3 percent, to 3.04 billion guilders.

Mr. Ebeling said an increase been reduced, but cost-cutting crease in the guilder's strength would help buoy a return to profit growth.

"They are punished by the currencies," Mr. Ebeling said of Unilever.

'On the other hand, they are tied to consumption and depen-dent on the global economy." Tom Gordijn, a company

spokesman, attributed the improvement in volume to brisk sales of new products such as Calvin Klein perfume and Mentadent toothpaste. Unilever said it would pay an

impact" on full-year earnings. unchanged interim di (AP, Bloomberg, AFP) 1.48 guilders a share. unchanged interim dividend of

EU and U.S. See Common Ground

Executives Shift Sights From Pact to Trade Barriers

By Tom Buerkle

BRUSSELS - American and European corporate leaders have agreed to urge their governments to concentrate on removing nontariff trade barriers, such as conflicting product standards and testing requirements and curbs on foreign investment, rather than embarking on a trans-Atlantic free-trade area.

The business consensus on nontariff issues reflects the growing importance of regulatory barriers to trade, as well as continued disagreements between the two sides about traditional methods of trade liberalization such as cutting tariffs.

'What business is concerned with is ensuring there is maximum openness on things like standards," said Peter Suther-land, former head of the World Trade Organization and currently chairman of Goldman Sachs (International) Inc.

A trans-Atlantic free-trade area was 'neither realistic or desirable," he said, because of domestic opposition on both sides and fears in the rest of the world that an EU-U.S. trade zone would exclude outside producers.

The consensus was expected to be endorsed by more than 100 chief executives at a meeting in Seville on Saturday. Their conclusions, in turn, were to form a centerpiece of a trans-Atlantic initiative that President Bill Clinton will launch in Madrid on Dec. 3 with Prime Minister Felipe González, holder of the European Union's rotating presidency.

The message, hammered out in the past

three months by several parallel working

groups of European and American ex- \$1.7 trillion in trade between the 15-nation ecutives, has already influenced negotiations between government officials. Stuart Eizenstat, the U.S. ambassador

to the EU, said officials had agreed that the Madrid initiative would include a commitment to negotiate a broad agreement under which each region would accept products tested and certified in the other.

"The idea of 'tested once, accepted everywhere' is probably more important than tariffs," said Sir Leon Brittan, the EU trade commissioner. He noted that the Uruguay Round world trade agreement would cut the average tariff on industrial products between the United States and Europe to just 2 percent.

Although a "free trade" label is dead politically because of opposition in France and among some members of Mr. Clinton's administration and the U.S. Congress, officials insisted that the Clinton-González initiative would represent a major new chapter in trade liberalization.

The two sides have virtually agreed to conduct a joint study of the removal of tariff and nontariff barriers to trans-Atlantic trade, officials said. The only dispute is over wording, with France wanting to study the reduction of barriers rather than their elimination, a word favored by

the United States, Britain and Germany. Whatever the phrasing, the goal is to enable businesses to invest, produce and sell on both sides of the Atlantic as if it were a single market.

"We are going for a NAFTA-type thing," an EU official said, referring to the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Russia's Lukoil Wins Big in Azerbaijan

European Union and the United States, according to a report drawn up for the Seville meeting by a group of U.S. ex-ecutives headed by Dana G. Mead, chief executive officer of Tenneco Inc.

The elimination of inefficiencies could raise economic output in both regions by several percentage points, the report said.

"By highlighting some of these areas from a business standpoint, we hope to move them to the top of the government agenda," Mr. Mead said.

European and American business leaders also have agreed to push their governments to conclude a multilateral agreement on investment, now under negotiation at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. The agreement would guarantee foreign investors the same rights as nationals, including the right to participate in government-sponsored research and development programs.

On further trade liberalization, how-ever, the business leaders mirror the divergent positions of their governments, with the U.S. report urging the elimination of tariffs on products such as semiconductors and chemicals and Europe criticizing unilateral U.S. trade actions such as the threat of so-called Section 301 trade barriers on imports.

But executives said they were determined to seek common ground and avoid a repeat of the trans-Atlantic disputes over the dollar and U.S. trade unilateralism that broke out earlier this year.

Alan Friedman of the International Testing and certification rules affect Herald Tribune contributed to this report.

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 Union Bank of Switzerland will consolidate its global fixedincome and derivatives business and base the group in London. The move follows decisions by competitors such as Deutsche Bank AG and Dresdner Bank AG to transfer key operations to London.

• Fiat SpA shares fell 2 percent on the Milan bourse as Italy posted an 8.95 percent drop in new-car registrations in October, the biggest drop in new-tar registrations in October, the biggest drop in more than a year.

• The European Commission ordered Hamburger Stahlwerke GmbH to repay 194 million Deutsche marks (\$136.2 million) in state aid. The steelmaker is owned by the closely held Ispat group. one of the world's largest steel producers.

 Allianz AG Holding, Europe's largest insurance company. raised its share of voting rights in Berner Versicherung of Switzerland to 38.4 percent.

• British Gas PLC, in a management reshuffle, accepted the resignation of Norman Blacker as executive director. He is the second board member to leave in a month.

Europe Online Backers Sell Stakes

PARIS — Matra Hachette SA and Pearson PLC no longer hold stakes in Europe Online, a Matra Hachette spokesman said Friday.

In September, Matra, a French publishing company, said it had reduced its stake in the Luxembourg-based on-line computer service to less than 10 percent from the 15 percent it held previously.

A spokesman for Pearson referred all inquiries about its stake to Europe Online. The British media company has been reported to be reducing its stake.

No one at Europe Online was immediately available for com-

The on-line service provider said Thursday that it would launch an information service in English, French and German on Dec. 15.

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signed a \$1.7 billion contract Friday with an international consortium to develop Caspian Sea oil reserves and gave Lukoil of Russia the biggest stake in the deal. Lukoil is to have a 32.5 percent share in

the project, with Agip SpA of Italy and Pennzoil Co. of the United States each owning 30 percent. SOCAR, the Azerbaijan state oil company, will own 7.5 percent. The agreement to develop the Karabakh

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"That deal, to develop three offshore

oil fields, was signed last year between

The Russian Foreign Ministry has said

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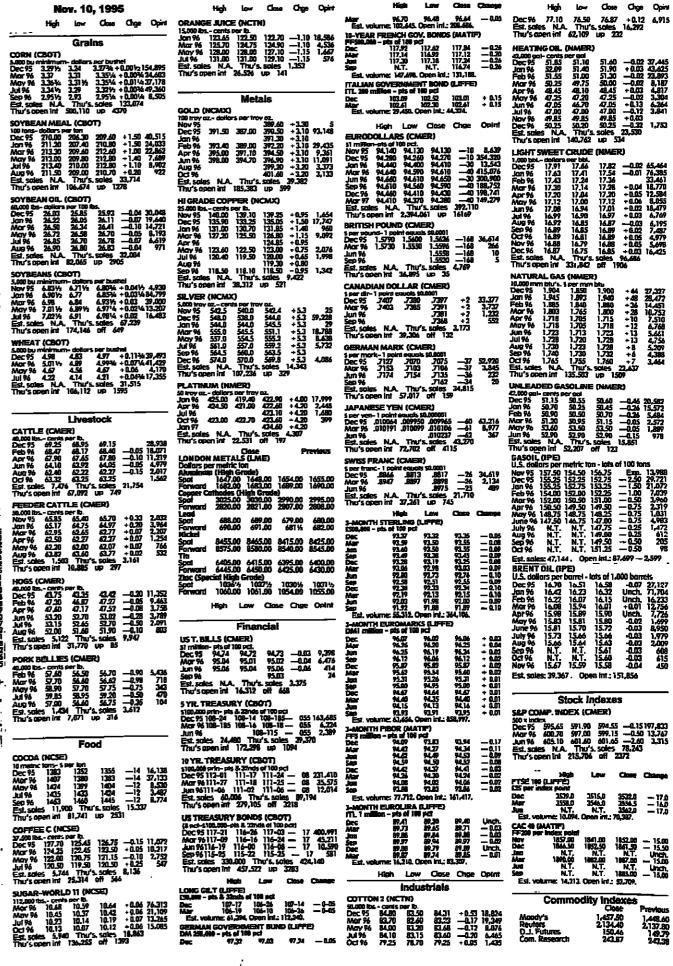
Mr. Aliyev said 65 percent to 80 percent

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Japan Steelmakers Cite Cost Cuts as **They Post Profits**

Bloumberg Business News

TOKYO - Four of Japan's top five steel companies report- prices flat, cutting costs has beed improved results Friday for come increasingly necessary, the half-year to September as The companies said the second cost-cutting overcame lacklus- half would not be different.

post profits for the full year by continuing to trim costs.

NKK Corp. reported current, or pretax, profit of 6.02 billion yen (\$58.8 million), 20 percent structuring it planned to anabove the company's forecast, as the company cut workers, shut inefficient operations and reorganized major plants. Sales rose 6 percent, to 535.7 billion yen. Stock in NKK was unchanged, at 250 yen. Kawasaki Steel Corp. posted

a 6.19 billion yen current profit for the half as it cut costs and increased revenue from exports. That reversed an 18.9 billion yen loss in the like period a year before. Sales were stable at 440 billion yen. The company profit of 35 billion yen for the also said it would resume paying a dividend for the first time in three years. Kawasaki shares slipped 3, to 342.

Kobe Steel Ltd., which suffered major damage in the earthquake in January, reported a 13.2 billion yen profit, up which sustained major damage almost 11 percent from the year in the Kobe earthquake, were before. Sales slipped 1 percent, to 550 billion yen. Shares in Kobe Steel rose 3, to 260.

Sumitomo Metal Industries Ltd. reported profit of 8.2 billion yen, reversing a 24 billion yen loss in the first half of last assets to cover earthquake costs year. Sales rose 7 percent, to and special retirement benefits. 509 billion yen. Unit prices for 509 billion yen. Unit prices for Nippon Steel, Japan's top steel exports improved in dollar steelmaker, reported current terms, more than offsetting profit Tuesday of 29.3 billion losses resulting from the yen for the half, reversing a loss stronger yen. Stock in the com- of 28 billion yen.

pany slipped 2, to 292. With steel demand weak and

"We don't know how much While the steelmakers say we're going to be able to boost they face an uphill battle sales," Matao Kojima, Sumagainst the weak economy in itomo Metal's chief financial the second half, they hope to officer said. "As far as our company is concerned, we are going to make further efforts to rationalize" our operations.

nounce early next year would probably cut about 1,600 jobs.

NKK's restructuring plans are on track as well, Shunkichi Miyoshi, the company's president, said this week. By early 1997, the company hopes to cut 200 billion yen in costs by over-hauling production and trimming its work force. That goal is already 75 percent achieved, Mr. Miyoshi said.

Kobe Steel predicts sales of full year. The company expressed concern about the Japanese economy but hoped public spending would help

The company said its Kobe and Kakogawa works, both of running at pre-quake levels by July. The company cut estimated damage from the quake to 102 billion yen from 109.6 billion ven.

Kobe Steel said it had sold

Sega Profit Slumps 32% As Machines Gather Dust

TOKYO — Sega Enterprises Ltd. said its first-half profit dropped nearly one-third amid a slump in sales of its old home video-game players and the negative effects of exchange-rate

The company said current, or pretax, profit dropped 32 percent, to 11.04 billion yen (\$107.8 million) from 16.33 billion yen. Sales rose about 4 percent, to 156.43 billion yen. Net profit fell 35 percent, to 5.5 billion yen.

Shunichi Nakamura, the company's managing director, said, "The old eight- and 16-bit business didn't really take off, but the 32-bit is." The 16-bit machine is better known as

the Genesis; the new 32-bit machine is called the Saturn. Sega started selling the Saturn late in 1994 to replace its older machines. The player offers faster games and more vivid images. Sega is fighting Sony Corp. and Nintendo Co. for dominance of the \$15 billion world video-game market.

The company said it was not making money on sales of the Saturn player but was profiting from game software. Mr. Nakamura said Sega had been planning to shift its entire production of the machine overseas, but with the recent weakening of the yen has decided to leave one factory in Japan.

SWEDEN: Economy Stabilizes

Continued from Page 9

reductions have been remarkable in both their speed and their scope.

"I think that the cuts have unemployment on wages. come much quicker than anyone expected," says Ulle Djerf, chief economist for Nordbanken. Social security payments, once indexed to rise at the same rate as inflation, now increase at just half the rate of price rises.

Sick leave and other benefits for the unemployed are being pared back in phases, from paying out sums equal to nearly 100 percent of wages last year to just 75 percent by next year.

of the cuts in unemployment benefits simply reflect the harsh new economic reality in Swe-den, in which the old goal of full employment has quietly been replaced by the acceptance of European-style double-digit

jobless figures. The government predicts unemployment will drop only two percentage points by 2000, to 10 percent from the current 12 percent. These figures include jobless workers who are enrolled in government-sponsored training programs. The state's largesse, however, could not be sustained across such a

broad pool of joblessness.

"The Swedish model is crumbling." Mr. Berg said. "People now accept that 2 percent unemployment is no

longer possible. As elsewhere in Europe, high rates of unemployment are seen as both a result of and a contributor to the government's efforts to cut inflation. The high interest rate policy pursued by Sweden's central bank, especially over the last year, has slowed economic growth as well as inflation. Swedish inflation has now come down to 2.7 percent, compared with 3.3 percent earlier in the year. As in Britain and other Eu69% on Calls



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ropean countries that have relatively weak currencies, stable prices in Sweden this year have been attributed in large measure to the depressing effect of high

Sweden's unemployment rate fell to 7.6 percent in October from 7.9 percent in September, excluding workers enrolled in job training and other government programs,

Bloomberg Business News reported from Stockholm.

Many economists had forecast a jobless rate of 7.4 percent for October. Still, the rate now

Analysts point out that some is the lowest since April, when it was 7.2 percent. In October, a total of 327,000 people were unemployed, and 178,000 were engaged in government training programs.

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Foreign Publisher Thrives in China

Computerworld's Niche Makes It a Rare Foreign Success

By Li Xiguang
Washington Post Service

BOSTON — Can a foreign company thrive publishing newspapers in a country that bans foreigners from publishing newspapers?

In the past 15 years, Boston-based Inpublishing empire in China that includes to its economic growth. the country's most popular weekly news-paper, China Computerworld. That pa-per's annual revenue, IDG says, is many times that of the country's other news-

papers, including the Communist Party newspaper People's Daily.

Started with seed money of \$125,000 in Beijing 15 years ago, IDG's China operation initially put out just a four-page tableid Teday it employs 350 received. tabloid. Today it employs 350 people and publishes 12 computer newspapers and magazines in China, with an annual revenue of more than \$40 million. More than 18 million people read at least one of the 1.2 million copies published each month,

the company estimates.
While most Chinese newspapers, including the government-run national ones, are from four to eight pages, China Computerworld, which typically runs 272 pages, is the thickest newspaper in the country.

"Our newspapers and magazines carry over 30,000 pages of information and advertising a year, making us the largest publisher of newspapers in China in terms of revenue and pages," said IDG's pres-

BEIJING - Three days of U.S.-Chinese

trade talks ended without progress Friday,

as Beijing refused to budge on its drive to enter the World Trade Organization.

"The U.S. side's asking price is still very high," the foreign trade minister, Wu Yi, told the deputy U.S. trade representative, Charlene Barshefsky.

"China's fundamental principle for en-tering the World Trade Organization re-mains unchanged," Miss Wu was quoted

Ms. Barshefsky, who described her three

days of consultations as "detailed, very

direct and constructive," said Beijing still

had to satisfy U.S. concerns on 25 or more

issues before Washington would agree to

The WTO is an all-or-nothing orga-

by the Xinhua news agency as saying.

possible because IDG, an international publishing operation with \$1.2 billion in global revenue, arrived in China before the country banned foreign ownership of newspapers. It also helps that the publications' subject matter, computer techternational Data Group Inc. has built a nology, is one that Beijing sees as central

> IDG's story in China began in April 1978, eight months before China and the United States normalized relations.

Mr. McGovern, who already was producing computer publications in the United States, including the flagship Com-puterworld, was invited to attend a computer show in Moscow. Instead of flying directly to Moscow, he stopped in

situation, he said, "is a gold mountain for ern predicted. any publisher."

Two years later, he was invited to organize a seminar discussing the future of computer communications. After the seminar, he talked with Chinese authorities about publishing a weekly tabloid news-raper about computers. "The Chinese Ministry of Electronics and I worked on that for three days and reached full agreement for a joint venture, which was later

In October 1980, when the first issue of for IDG.

WTO Entry Bid Stymies U.S.-China Trade Talks

Washington considers Beijing's enforce-

ment of an anti-piracy accord to be a litmus

test of its resolve, she said, adding that U.S. companies' losses through theft of intel-

lectual property in China were as high now
— more than \$800 million a year — as

ple to support new agreements if existing

eements are not enforced," she said.

had been shut down for pirating American

music and software were back in business.

monumental task, she said Beijing had

shown the political will but needed to exert

it. "Will we see results in the marketplace?"

She said several compact disk plants that

Acknowledging that stopping piracy is a

'China cannot expect the American peo-

before the accord was signed in March.

China Computerworld was published, the The company's success in China was Chinese official media hailed it as "the beginning of China's international information cooperation.'

We had 25,000 subscribers within the first two weeks," Mr. McGovern said. Today IDG has a virtual monopoly in the Chinese market. The company estimates that its publications account for

about 80 percent of Chinese computer

publications and 90 percent of Chinese computer-industry advertisements.
Though the Chinese government closely regulates most newspapers, Mr. McGovern said he had never heard of interference in the content of IDG publications, which, he pointed out, have no political content.

IDG said revenue in China had grown Beijing for a transit visit. by 65 percent annually over the past 15 Mr. McGovern saw bookstores full of years. "We will continue to grow over 50 people buying books and a great respect percent a year because a lot of new people for learning. But he did not see any computer newspapers or magazines. Such a munications in the future, "Mr. McGov-

IDG's next goal is to enter the on-line business in China, creating a company to bring Internet access to millions of Chinese computer users. But under Chinese regulations, on-line services are another forbidden area for foreign companies.
"Today, the need of human beings for

information is as much as their need for

food, and it is impossible to control the flow of information," said Hugo Hsiung, approved by the State Council," he said. director of Asian business development

Chinese markets, she said, but new nontariff

barriers had been introduced in recent

Ms. Barshefsky confirmed delivering what she called a "road map" laying out Washington's view of what Beijing must do

to overcome U.S. opposition on WTO but

She took issue with Beijing's framing the debate about its membership bid in

terms of whether China is a developed

economy, and thus liable to strict WTO

rules on market access and tariffs, or a

developing country eligible for years of

"The issue is a red herring and largely irrelevant to the discussions," she said.

declined to discuss it.

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 Hitachi Ltd., Toshiba Corp., Mitsubishi Electric Corp. and six other Japanese electric machinery makers, as well as a total of 17 company officials, pleaded guilty to violating antitrust regulations in rigging bids for public contracts in 1993.

 Autobacs Seven Co. shares fell the maximum allowed for the day, 1,000 yen, to close at 8,600 (\$83.94), after the auto-parts company posted an unexpectedly small 11 percent gain in pretax profit, to 7.7 billion yen, for the first half of the financial year.

 Asahi Breweries Ltd. plans to buy back as much as 10 billion yen of its own shares.

• PT Merpati Nusantara Airlines is expected to be separated from its parent PT Garuda Indonesia in early 1996, a Garuda Indonesia official said.

 China's State Administration of State Property warned foreign investors that it will no longer tolerate the undervaluing of state assets to facilitate the setting up of joint ventures, according to the Xinhua news agency.

• China plans to build 4,100 kilometers (2,500 miles) of expressways by 2000, the China Daily reported

 China plans to sell 50 billion yen of 20-year bonds in Japan by year-end, a government official said.

• Germany's economics minister, Günter Rexrodt, will seek greater trade with China during a trip there led by Chancellor Helmut Kohl that starts Saturday, he said on German radio.

 Allianz AG Holding plans to set up an investment company in Asia in early 1996, the German company said.

 South Korea approved opening of the country's first casino for foreigners and citizens.

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COKE: A Link-Up With Disney

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its joining the WTO.

ingly far-flung operations.
"Michael Ovitz is a very cre-New York. "One thing he's going to be involved with at Disand this is a relationship on a banch of levels."

business, you welcome ideas from all sources."

Most of the new agency, as yet unnamed, will be owned by Coca-Cola, which will solely finance the venture, paying all salaries and expenses. Disney, a passive investor, will have a minority stake estimated at 10

will have no personal stake. Like Coca-Cola's other agencies, the new shop, which is seeking space in the Los Angeles area, will start with a oneyear renegotiable contract with

the company.

Coca-Cola, wooed assiduously by Mr. Ovitz, hired Cre-been expected to reassign reative Artists in 1991 as an ad- sponsibilities. Reports were cirvertising adviser, usurping a culating last month that with Mr. traditional Madison Avenue Ovitz joining Disney, Coca-Corole. That was the first time a giant worldwide marketer had

hired someone other than an advertising agency to develop and produce ad campaigns.

A year later, the company Schroder Wertheim & Co. in brand to Creative Artists from Xinhua press agency. McCann-Erickson Worldwide. a mit of the Interpublic Group ney is looking at new projects, of Companies that had handled that assignment for 40 years. Since the spring of 1993,

John Dreyer, a Disney vice when Creative Artists brought president, said the venture intrigued Disney because "when mercials, debate has raged and you're in a creative-driven critics have been saying the campaign is unfocused and ineffective. Mr. Zyman is eager to argue.

"The advertising is extremely successful," he said, "and the proof is in the pudding. Sales of brand Coca-Cola grew by 500 million cases last year. That was why Coca-Cola did

percent in exchange for what not consider renaming to a con-Mr. Zyman described as "a cre-ative investment." Mr. Ovitz said. "We looked at a lot of options, but part of the magic is the relationships among the team and their relationship with us. Why change the dynamics of

> Ever since Mr. Ovitz began this year to consider leaving Creative Artists, Coca-Cola had Ovitz joining Disney, Coca-Co-la would follow him in some fashion.

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China Sees Surge in Urban Income and Spending

nization," she said. "It is a single un- Ms. Barsbefsky asked. Not only were mar-

dertaking with which all parties must ket barriers that Beijing had pledged to abide, or they are not members." ket barriers that Beijing had pledged to remove still keeping U.S. companies out of

Urban per-capita income should rise 23 percent this year, to 3,900 yuan (\$470), the report said. Per-capita expenditure in urban China is expected to reach 3,500 yuan in 1995, 47.5 percent more than in 1990.

Rural per-capita net income was 1,221 yuan in 1994, the Xinhua report said. No projection was given for 1995.

China's urban population is about 300 million, compared with 900 million in rural

Beijing has expressed concern about the Stocks Post a Slight Rise BEUING - City dwellers in China will growing gap between urban and rural inearn sharply higher incomes in 1995, but comes. Average earnings in China's flour-all-time low on the Shanghai Stock Exanive guy," said David I. Lon-shifted the duties as lead agency spending will increase more sharply, ac-ishing southern and eastern cities are high-doner, a media analyst with on the flagship Coca-Cola cording to a report Friday by the official er and growing more quickly than in central rates and strict government lending poliand western China.

Urban per-capita income has risen 57.5 percent since 1990. This growth enabled city dwellers last year to spend less than half of their income on food for the first time. despite inflation that surged past 20 percent

in 1994 and remains over 15 percent. City dwellers' spending on food last year was 49.9 percent of living expenses, a relatively comfortable standard of living" under UN Food and Agriculture Organization standards, the report said.

Class B shares ended the week near their cies would crimp company earnings. Bloomberg Business News reported.

The Shanghai B-share index, which tracks the 36 Chinese stocks that can be owned by foreigners, rose 1.4 percent, to 51.94, but remained near its low of 49.73 set May 2. The index fell 4.4 percent this week. Tracting volume was \$4.19 million on Friday, up from \$1.8 million on Thursday. In Hong Kong, the H-share index of Chinese companies fell 10 percent.

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But He Seemed So Nice...

LD tricks, new dogs. That, essentially, is the story of the great preponderance of financial fraud. The scams remain more or less the same, and the people who buy them seldom differ in their foolish-

ness — or their willingness to believe.

Take, for example, the latest twist on the fraudster's equivalent of a chain letter. Many readers will recognize the cry for help, usually made from somewhere in a developing country, that there is a budgetary windfall which needs a spare bank account for a home. All that is required is your account details and a couple of sheets of your personal notepaper, blank - apart from your signature at the bottom.

If the appeal to use your account as a financial parking lot comes from an obscure or notorious location, alarm bells may ring even in the brains of the dimmest, or the greediest, investors.

But what do you do if the offer comes from a fashionable, if temporary, address in a major European city? And what if the bearer of the offer seems well-connected - with, say, a history of sterling service to some semi-secret, and therefore almost uncheckable, government department? Do you give the nice, polite man in the well-tailored suit your bank details so that he can transfer so many homeless millions (dollars, not refugees) to your account?

The answer ought to be obvious. But because human beings are hopeful creatures, you can be sure that somebody will walk into the trap. Yes, there are golden opportunities out there, but the legitimate ones seldom seek you out: You inevitably have to find them for yourself.

FIRST COLUMN From Boiler Room to Chat Room: Investment Fraud on the Internet

By Judith Rehak

water from a newly discovered "Fountain of Youth" sound enticing?
Before you scoff that no self-respecting

going out to millions of people every day on the Internet — and, believe it or not, people are actually buying.

While the overwhelming majority of businesses advertising on-line are legiti-mate, cyberspace has opened up a whole new avenue of opportunity for financial scamsters and fast-buck artists.

"Why shouldn't con men go there?" asks John Perkins, former securities commissioner for the state of Missouri. "It's

cheap and it reaches millions."

A recent study by Nielsen Media Research estimates that 24 million people are using the Internet in the United States and Canada alone, with another 7.5 million signed on to commercial services like America Online and CompuServe.

sage to an investor bulletin board on the Internet costs about \$1 for the phone time to connect, and a membership fee of \$4 to \$10 a month. "Compare that to the cost of direct mail, or a bank of phone operators,'

Concerned about the growing abuses, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission has several actions underway against cyberfraud. The industry watchdog has just shut down a scam involving 20,000 investors who lost \$3 million in a bogus scheme to start up a worldwide telephone

Securities regulators at the state level are also moving in on perpetrators of cybergoing on that I know of," says Ben Lewis, head of enforcement for the North Carolina securities commission.

Because the Internet offers access to to be especially vigilant. millions of people, regulators say it is fu-

eling a resurgence in scams that thrive on large numbers of victims. Ponzi schemes, OW would you like to make a 20 percent return on your money by investing in an eel farm? Does the prospect of reverse-aging om a newly discovered "Fountain Most Internet scams originated long between the plantage and an internet scams originated long between the plantage and have nigntly."

fore the electronic age and have simply been adapted to the on-line world. Pennyinvestor would touch such obvious scams, stock rip-offs have migrated from "boiler take a deep breath. Pitches like these are rooms," where hustlers phone their prospective victims, to on-line "chat rooms" and investor bulletin boards. Oldfashioned pyramid schemes, where investors are asked to put up a small stake in hopes of making it back many times over, are also showing up.

One scam, however, is brand new: Regulators report that suspicious "home pages" touting a company's securities are starting to show up on the World Wide Web, the user-friendly, multimedia section of the Internet.

While thousands of legitimate businesses including many financial houses and even the SEC — use home pages to provide information about their activities, some home pages are definitely suspect, warn

With numbers like that, the economies of scale can be impressive. Mr. Perkins adds it up: To post an electronic-mail mesallegitimate businesses a measure of legitimacy that other forms of advertising cannot match.

The mechanics of making a bogus home page are simple, says Mr. Lewis: "There is software you can use to make a decent one in less than a day. In a couple of days, you can do one quite well, and at \$125 a month to maintain it, the cost to reach millions of people is minimal." Compounding the problem is the dif-

ficulty of policing the thousands of messages that go on-line each day. The Internet is unregulated, and service-providers have enerally taken a hands-off attitude, saying they are only publishing information.

But with regulators strapped for money fraud. "There are at least 20 investigations and numbers, and the difficulty of tracking down scamsters who can operate anonymously, investors who seek information on the Internet and other on-line services need

Here are some tips to avoid becoming a on your modem."

Avoiding Fraud

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cyberspace investment scam victim: Beware of titles that promise too much or scream too loudly. "When you go into a bulletin board and you see headlines like

New twists on cash-card fraud

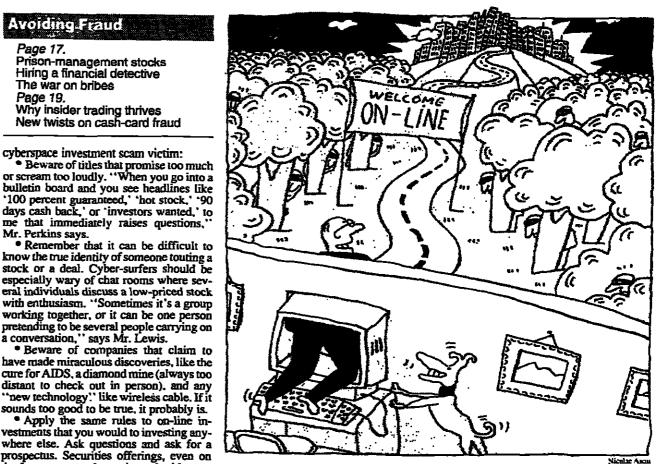
days cash back,' or 'investors wanted,' to me that immediately raises questions,' Mr. Perkins says. • Remember that it can be difficult to know the true identity of someone touting a stock or a deal. Cyber-surfers should be especially wary of chat rooms where several individuals discuss a low-priced stock with enthusiasm. "Sometimes it's a group working together, or it can be one person

a conversation," says Mr. Lewis. Beware of companies that claim to have made miraculous discoveries, like the cure for AIDS, a diamond mine (always too distant to check out in person), and any "new technology!" like wireless cable. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Apply the same rules to on-line investments that you would to investing any

where else. Ask questions and ask for a prospectus. Securities offerings, even on the Internet, must be registered with state securities regulators, where you can confirm their validity. You can also check with state investor complaint departments to see if an offering has been reported for illegal or suspicious activity, and with the National Association of Securities Dealers in Washington, where securities advertising must be registered.

· Remember: Just because it's on the Internet doesn't make it true. "There are people who wouldn't invest over the phone, but because they see it on their computer screen, they think it must be valid," says Mr. Perkins. "You've got to turn on your common sense when you turn



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Victims Learn Hard Lesson About Trust and Betrayal

By Laura Colby

OUIS Weiner, who fled Russia before World War II and settled in his home in New York y near Odessa. The man had formed a comdied, they could be buried back home.

The only problem was the company had and the fellow running the company disappeared, along with Mr. Weiner's and other investors' money, long before any- the same home town. body could make good on the claim.

and sometimes more sophisticated, forms. their friends."

In fact, experts agree that while no one is gravitate toward certain targets that they perceive as easier to fleece.

"The problem is global, and generic in the scam spread, officials say. the United States, was contacted at nature. The demographics tend to be con- In the United States, close-knit com- trusting than people of younger generaby a man claiming to come from his village ry Carroll, chairman of North American Association of Securities Administrators' pany that was investing in funeral plots in international enforcement committee and the village, so that when its shareholders an official of the Alaska Department of Commerce.

groups," be they members of the same church or social club or just people from "The scarn artist can be making at

The scam artist starts with one person It was one of the classic investment and builds up their trust," says Karen Silscams, one that investigators and securities va, head of NAASA's investor education regulators say continues to be used by con committee. "Then that person actually artists around the world, albeit in updated, winds up recommending the investment to

safe from financial fraud, con artists tend to group, particularly one whose members speak a language other than the vernacular invest," says Barbara Roper, director of

tries, for instance, may see ads in Chinese- be less sophisticated as investors." language newspapers touting investments in their country of origin, or investments in the currency markets.

But since the ads are in Chinese, they The only problem was the company had no land in what was then the Soviet Union, victims is what regulators call "affinity as ads in an English-language paper would

The scam artist can be making all kinds of claims and unless the regulator can read Chinese or Korean, he'll be unaware of it." says Mr. Carroll, who adds that NASAA is trying to educate consumers by printing investment guidelines and warnings in dif-

Another common target is an ethnic largest group of victims — is the elderly. They have a lifetime of savings to The same word-of-mouth technique helps investor protection for the Consumer Federation of America, "They tend to be more

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Consumer advocates add that the elderly may be too embarrassed to report a fraud for fear of appearing weak, thus allowing the con artists to continue in business. But, says Ms. Roper, when it comes to

investment fraud, "no one is immune." In fact, novice investors in general, if they blindly entrust their money to a third party, can wind up losing not so much through fraud as through inappropriate in-

"The best defense against this is an educated investor who checks the recomferent languages. mendations and keeps close watch her investments," says Ms. Silva. mendations and keeps close watch on his or

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Investors Still Shy Of Latin Stocks

The tequila hangover continues. According to the latest statistics published by Micropal, the London-based mutual fund mon-Itoring firm, there were only two emergi market countries to suffer net outflows of fund investment capital in the first six months of 1995: Mexico, which saw an exodus of some \$2.9 billion in investment, and Brazil, down \$900 million.

But emerging-markets funds were buyers in Asia, where net investment is es-timated at \$2.7 billion in the second quarter, down \$1.8 billion from the first three months of the year.

Funds dedicated to emerging-market equities had \$113.3 billion under management going into the second half of 1995. This represents an increase of nearly 16 percent over the \$98.7 billion in assets managed at the end of the first quarter, according to Micropal. Almost two thirds of fund-invested assets are committed to Asia, while Latin American stocks make up just under one fifth of the total capital invested by funds. Emerging European countries attracted just under 8 percent of emerging-market fund money.

A Way to Play Small U.K. Firms

Friends Provident, the U.K. insurer and investment manager, is launching a new fund that will invest in small U.K. companies. The Friends Provident Venture Capital Trust PLC will be listed on the Suggestions that the investor cash in London Stock Exchange and invest in "established companies seeking pre-flotation finance or a quotation on AlM rather than startups." AIM is the acronym of the Alternative Investment Market, a recently established secondary stock market for small companies.

"The initial portfolio will be constructed with a view to achieving both capital growth and yield, with the aim of allowing capital distributions early in the life of the [fund] and producing an initial dividend yield of around 3.5 percent, "said a spokes-

The fund is denominated in British pounds, and minimum subscription is

£2,000 (around \$3,200). Investors pay initial charges of 3 percent. The deadline for applications is Dec. 15. Dealings in the fund's shares are expected on Dec. 27.

For more information, call Friends Provident's asset management division in Lon-

Asia Is Target Of 2 New Funds

Foreign & Colonial Emerging Markets Ltd. has launched a new fund that is only for the most serious of investors. The Taiwanese Investment Co. will place funds with "between 25 and 35 quality quoted stocks" on the Taipei market. Fund management currently favors shares of companies in the petrochemicals, steel, electronics and transportation sectors. Minimum investment is \$25,000.

For the smaller investor, Hambros Global Investment Fund PLC is launching a new vehicle, the Hambros Asian Korea Advantage Fund, with a minimum investment of \$2,000. Listed on the Irish Stock Exchange, the fund carries a 5 percent initial charge and an annual fee of 1.25 percent. The fund will begin life with 50 percent of its cash committed to South Korea and

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How to Spot Rogue Traders — Before They Spot You

By Aline Sullivan

'N Greek tragedy, nemesis, or vengeance, follows hubris, or overweening pride, as surely as night follows day. In today's financial markets, the sequence is not quite so certain, reviews by an audit committee." but hubris remains the hallmark of the rogue trader.

John Verna, a managing director at private investigators Kroll Associates in New York, offers this portrait of the typical dealer or financial adviser who becomes a rogue: 'They are usually people who are very well respected for their technical expertise and who are working in a uncontrolled environment. They tend to be secretive. And there is an addiction: to money, or drugs, or just to the mystique of their own power.

But if a rogue dealer is difficult for even his bosses or colleagues to spot, his clients have little chance. All but the richest private investors are unlikely ever to meet the people who actually trade their money.

'Try to get a sense of whether there is an appreciation for control, whether the company works by the book," Mr. Verna said.
"There should be a procedure, an oversight committee, a back office that is entirely separate from the trading side and regular

Stock brokers and other financial intermediaries are another story. There are just as many rogues in this business as in the trading rooms of major institutions, and they are far easier to spot.

Investors who would rather read about these characters than entrust money to them should make a first stop at one of the bodies that tracks their records.

In the United States, the National Association of Securities Dealers supplies details of the disciplinary history of any brokerage firm or sales representative. The Nasdaq Stock Market in Washington, D.C. issues regular bulletins to private investors In Britain, the Association of Private Client Investment Advisors and Stockbro-

So their best bet is to evaluate the firm. kers, or Apcims, publishes a directory of high interest rates by using new investors' fry to get a sense of whether there is an private-client stock brokers operating in money to pay old investors. This cannot Britain and its offshore territories. Depending on the type of investment be-

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Securities and Futures Authority, the Personal Investment Authority or the Investment Managers Regulator Organization. "They all share information among each other, 'said Geoffrey Turner, chief ex-ecutive of Apcims. 'So if a dealer has ripped someone off, he or she can't just

ove on to another firm. Such information is harder to find in Continental Europe and Asia. Although each major stock exchange provides a monitoring service, most investors rely on word-of-mouth recommendations.

But Britain's Securities Investment Board, or STB, warns that this method can backfire. "Watch out if your investments beginning, by investing in something they seem to be doing very well when there is an don't understand," Mr. Verna said. "Saleseconomic slump and everyone else is doing badly," SIB advised in its booklet "How to understand even esoteric investment prod-man for the fund. Spot the Investment Cowboys." "It is pos- ucts. But no one should ever invest in

continue for very long without a crash." Other warning signs identified by SIB and Nasdaq include:

• An investment plan that is run exclusively by the dealer and is not supported by any documentation: An adviser who doesn't ask for details on the investor's financial position;

existing investments, particularly longterm ones such as life insurance, or put all available funds into a single investment; A lifestyle that seems out of propor-

tion to the adviser's or dealer's business; Urgency. Anyone who insists that an investment opportunity must be taken advantage of immediately is probably lying. "Most people make their mistake at the

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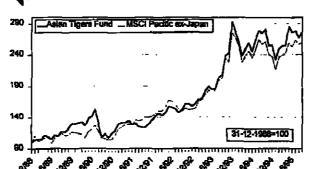
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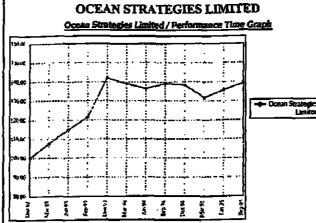
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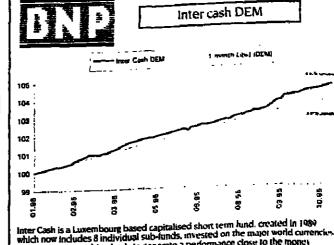


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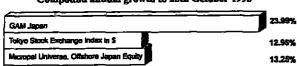
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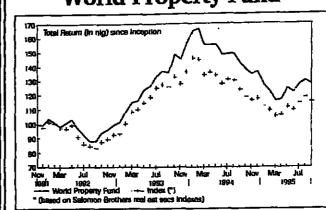
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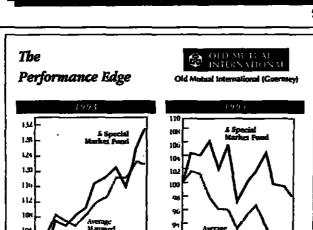
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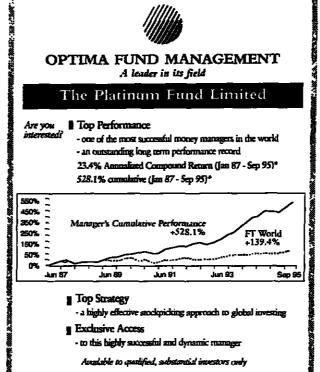
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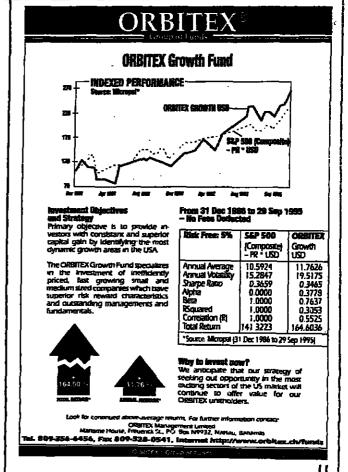
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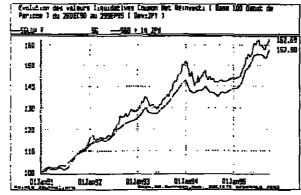
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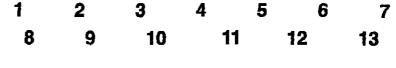
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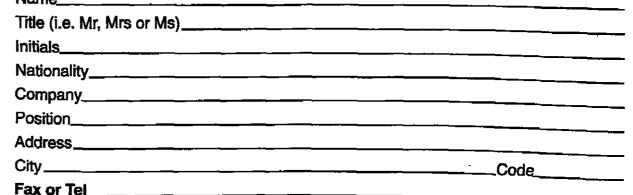
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THE MONEY REPORT

2 Stocks for Investors Who Still Believe That Crime Pays

By Ann Brocklehurst

AW-ABIDING citizens hope that crime doesn't pay. But investors increasing, who suspect that it might — and Another ipate directly -- can cash in on other peopie's felonies by buying shares in prison

As the need grows for more detention the turn of the century. facilities, governments on the local, state and federal level are turning to management companies in the private sector. ommends both stocks. "You're dealing These companies will not only manage and with a lot of social issues that can't be fixed operate jails but also design, renovate and construct them.

The two biggest of these enterprises enhut Corrections Corp. - have already seen the price of their shares triple this year. Yet many analysts still have both companies on their "buy" lists.

"There's growth in the fundamental business of putting people behind bars," says Andrew May, an analyst at J.C. Bradand & Co. in Nashville, Tennessee, who recommends the stocks. Demand has accelerated for incarceration.

Mr. May notes that judges are handing down longer jail terms, criminals are servBritain and contracts in Puerto Rico, Canathem. In my mind it's always been a conflict ing a larger portion of their sentences, and imprisonment for drug-related offenses is

Another analyst, William Oliver at Eqwho remain unwilling to particultable Securities, says the number of peo-1.5 million, and some experts believe the rose 33.4 percent, to \$89.5 million. management and privatization companies. total could rise to as high as 2.3 million by

> "I don't see anything to slow [crime] down," said Mr. Oliver, who also rec- creased 23.4 percent, to \$25.8 million. overnight."

based in Florida, is number two with 14,000 beds.

Wackenhut Corrections have been avail- impressive conditions. able only since last year, when the company was spun off from its parent, Wackenhut Corp., which still holds 67 percent.

da, Australia and New Zealand.

After posting losses in its early years, Corrections Corp. has been profitable since 1992. Its net income for the first half of uitable Securities, says the number of peo-ple in U.S. jails and corrections centers is from the same period of 1994. Revenues

Wackenhut Corrections' net income for stance abuse. its third quarter this year climbed 80 percent, to \$1.2 million, while revenues in-

States, where companies are permitted to manage low- and medium-security jails, Corrections Corp., based in Nashville, is by far the largest, with some 28,000 beds ited scale. While contractors must offer Corrections Corp. of America and Wackunder contract. Wackenhut Corrections, their services for less than government agencies would charge, even some critics, such as guards unions and philosophically While Corrections Corp. was founded in opposed academics, have admitted that many of the private facilities are providing of Blakenhurst prison in Worcestershire,

> In its annual report, Corrections Corp. quotes Sheriff Guy Tunnel of Panama City,

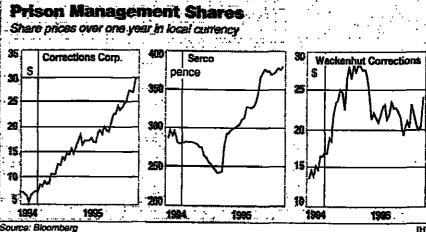
of interest and a difficult balancing act."

Corrections Corp. runs educational and training programs in most of its facilities. At the Metro-Davison jail in Nashville, built in 1992, the company also has "Lifeline," a program to treat immates whose crimes are related to some forms of sub-

Mr. Oliver says the two companies follow similar philosophies of prison management: "Both companies believe in So far, prison privatization in the United keeping prisoners occupied. The more involved they are, the less likelihood there is there will be an incident, so to speak."

Unfortunately, prison privatization has not proven quite as successful in Britain. UKDS, a joint venture of Corrections Corp. and the U.K. construction companies John Mowlem and Sir Robert McAlpine, the first private establishment for sentenced prisoners in Britain.

Judge Stephen Turnim said in a report this enhut Corp., which still holds 67 percent.
Both Corrections Corp. and Wackenhut
Corrections are looking to expand inter-



judge found to have led to a serious disturbance in February 1994.

In spite of the overall negative tone of the report, which also mentioned a clash between American and traditional British prison management styles. Corrections Corp. is not discouraged about its prospects overseas. The British government remains committed to prison privatization, and the company has a strategic alliance with the French conglomerate Sodexho, which provides contract management services and has offices in 46 countries.

Wackenhut Corrections also is breaking into the U.K. market through its joint venture with Serco, a publicly traded facilities management company.

The venture, Premier Prison Services,

won a five-year contract worth £66 million (\$104.2 million) to manage the 771-bed Doncaster jail, making it the largest prison in Britain under private management.

And last week the Prison Service of England and Wales awarded Premier two seven-year prisoner transportation contracts, valued at \$186 million.

Beyond Sam Spade: When to Call a Financial Detective

By Conrad de Aenlle

HE financial world has its own dieresque, liquor-swilling toughs on the order of Sam Spade: These people to be possible. are often lawyers and accountants, occasionally former police detectives, and they are more likely to sport green eyeshades

The larger firms that specialize in cracking financial fraud and tracking down mis-appropriated money have worldwide networks of associates. This can be critical in hunting down modern fraudsters.

Money moves farther and faster than it ever has, and so do the increasingly so-over one or two or three years, on a deposit aries. For instance, Mr. Waite said, "you phisticated people who steal it. The of, say, \$10 million. schemes they conduct are worldwide in scope and make use of much of the same nigh technology employed in legitimate financial operations.

"With money traveling at the speed of ight these days, it's becoming harder to rack that money back," said Bill Waite. egal counsel at Kroll Associates, which claims to be the largest firm of financial vivate investigators.

Kroll, which has been in business for 25 rears, has "offices in all time zones," a ull-time staff of 240 and 1,500 to 2,000 part-time consultants. The firm charges nourly rates of \$80 to \$400, plus expenses - which can be quite high.

cess to the failings of human character.

"People are gullible and people are greedy," Mr. Waite said. "They do things version of the private investigator. where there are wonderful returns to be But forget any notions of Chan-made" even when on second thought, or where there are wonderful returns to be

A typical swindle is the prime bank guarantee fraud, one variation of which is the well-worn Nigerian bank scam, which was in vogue in Europe a few years ago and is now one of the frauds of choice in Latin America, Mr. Waite said.

A chosen victim receives a phone call or fax from someone claiming to be from a reputable bank in a distant country, promising an outrageous return, maybe 75 percent and competence of financial intermedi-

someone at the bank to contact for verification. The contact may actually work picions are justified. there, although that's just his day job: He makes his real money from the scam. Documents are sent on bank letterhead, usually bearing the proper signatures, only forged.

Once the victim has wired his money, he may receive interest payments for a month or two at most. The victim might then call the police — or, if he is too embarrassed or has something else to hide about his financial affairs, a private investigator.

Mr. Waite is reluctant to give away too

The firm owes no small part of its suc- many trade secrets, lest he tip off his adversaries, but a typical means of recovering money, or at least confronting the people who took it, is to set up a sting, effectively conning the con artists. A meeting may be set up ostensibly to invest more, which may then allow Kroll to pick up the trail that leads to the stolen money. This works because the people who perpetrate frauds have the same character flaws -- plus a few others -- as their victims.

"Fraudsters are greedy people by na-ture," Mr. Waite observed. "When you make an attractive enough offer, they find it hard to resist.'

Much of Kroll's work is more mundane and often involves verifying the honesty may be the beneficiary of a trust and you The depositor receives a written guar-antee, perhaps even from an officer of the have suspicions about the way it's been don't like the way it's been managed, or you country's central bank, and the name of managed." Kroll will then work with lawyers and accountants to see if the sus-

Mr. Waite would not offer a guess of how successful the firm is at solving fraud has spent all the money on champagne and cases or recovering money, saying only trips to the Caribbean. that "we are reasonably successful at what we do, but these are difficult issues."

Ceinwen Jones, a spokeswoman for the Serious Fraud Office in Britain, said the agency seldom uses outside investigators, place for very long," Mr. Waite said. as it has its own. It also has powers to force information out of financial institutions and suspects, and to freeze and confiscate longer in Geneva,"

assets, that private investigators don't. "We don't need to go outside, but sometimes, on a particular issue that's complex and highly specialized, we might get someone to work on a case," she said.

Likewise, a lawyer in London's financial district said that "if money has passed through the banking system, it is generally not necessary to use a private investigator because we can get that information from a bank under court order."

The lawyer, who insisted that his name and that of his firm not be used, conceded, though, that 'they certainly have a role, for instance we have found them valuable in evidence gathering.'

Rather than go to a private investigator, someone who has been taken by a swindler should contact a lawyer first, he said acknowledging that this was the sort of advice a lawyer would be expected to give. "When you're a victim of fraud, the first thing to do is act very quickly; you need to get a court order. Priority One is to freeze assets. It's no good spending three months getting a case together when the fraudster

Mr. Waite calls such thinking "naive," saying it "depends on knowing who the fraudster is and where the assets are."

"Fraudsters don't keep assets in one You may know Fred Bloggs in Geneva, but he may really be Fred Sharp, and he's no

Stopping Bribes at Source

By Baie Netzer

try like Germany may seem an odd location for an organization fighting the impact of corruption on developing countries. But activists at Transparency International's tries. Mr. Eigen, formerly with the World Berlin headquarters say that lobbying European establishments is just as much a part of their work as encouraging reforms in dealings with the developing world.

The reason: Before an official or intermediary can accept a bribe, a businessperson has to offer it.

crime to bribe foreign officials to gain or maintain business, according to a document on corruption currently being drafted by the organization. In Germany, companies can even deduct bribes paid in foreign countries from their taxable

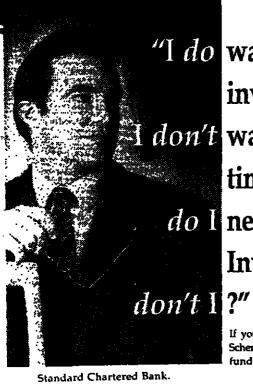
"Even some of the most respectable they feel they have to," says Peter Eigen, chairman of Transparency International. contract is involved, we're talking about convince a company to stop if they think plained.

they can't compete without offering the same incentives other companies offer." Founded in May, 1993, Transparency T first glance, a well-off coun- International is a not-for-profit, nongovernmental group that seeks to counter corruption in business transac-

tions, in part through national chapters which have now been set up in 45 coun-Bank, hopes that coalition-building and country-specific solutions can achieve more success than the general codes of conduct for business practices promulgated by the United Nations or the International Chamber of Commerce.

Lobbyists expect great things from Among major countries, only the their "islands of integrity" concept: United States specifically makes it a Transparency International is trying to persuade companies competing for specific projects to collectively renounce bribery. The group claims five companies signed one such "anti-bribery pact" before making their bids for an oil refinery project in Equador.

The group hopes to develop more such 'islands,' but at the moment it is decompanies get involved in this because veloping a dispute with German tax authorities that may force it to move its headquarters to the Netherlands: "It When a transport, military or energy seems you can deduct bribes here in Germany, but you can't deduct donahuge sums of money. It's difficult to tions to our group." Mr. Eigen ex-



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THE MONEY REPORT

Regulators Fight Uphill Battle Against Insider Trading

By Rupert Bruce

COLUMN !

ARALD Kronseder earned the dubious distinction in August of becoming the first German convicted for insider trading. Investors in many parts of the world are still wondering what he did wrong.

As son of the founder and administrator of the family shareholding in Krone AG. one of the world's leading bottling machine companies, he had sold preferred shares worth a million Deutsche marks (\$703.2 million) before an announcement Says Joel Seligman, dean at the Unithat revealed trading problems in South America and Eastern Europe.

The shares fell by more than 40 percent on the news, and a Frankfurt court slapped profiting from non-public information.

In Britain, there was once a saying Mr. Kronseder with a 600,000 DM fine for

In Britain, there was once a saying only half-facetious — that the only reason to have a stock broker was to get inside information. And, in fact, investors in many markets see the recent crackdowns on insider trading as removing a time-

on price-sensitive information before it is made public is still very much the way for rooting out insider trading and sharemade public is still very much the way for rooting out insider trading and sharethings are done, despite the adoption of insider trading legislation in much of the developing world.

But, as experts in finance and law enforcement are quick to point out, insidertrading legislation is designed not to punish, but to deter.

In the United States, the country with the largest number of investors and the most advanced insider-unding legislation, there are some signs that the battle against in-

versity of Arizona College of Law and an expert on securities law: "The great question is, do the insider trading cases deter others from insider trading? It is very different chairman of the Conservative Party—But you can't get on certain securities that can be traded."

In the developing world, the signs are less positive. In one of the most extreme one" does. however way of making money. Emerging-markets fund managers report that trading cases, Maricel Lopez, the head of the Philippine Stock Exchange's surveillance has performed, between 1990 and 1994 the

price manipulation, resigned in July fol-resulted in convictions. Yet over the same lowing a two-year period in which she received a stream of death threats and kidnap attempts.

According to one emerging-markets fund manager: "Inside information is seen as an opportunity by the local participants in many ment of insider trading as a criminal ofemerging markets. In many countries, market manipulation is also widespread."

Even in more developed countries, insider-trading legislation is beginning to come under fire as an inadequate deterrent. In Britain, where insider trading has

ficult. We know, however, from data that and known to mystery-book readers as the may be relevant, a substantial number of author Jeffrey Archer - ended with the banks, companies, or law firms have es- decision by the Department of Trade and tablished procedures to try and deter, Industry that there were no grounds for whether from Chinese walls, or prohibitions prosecution. This result prompted a wave of skepticism and promoted the view of insider trading as something that "every-

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According to Professor Barry Rider of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies in fense. "The generally held view today is that you can't deal with economic crime solely through criminal law," he says. "The American Securities and Exchange Commission has long taken the view that the way to deal with insider trading is to

"We in Britain still try and take a very traditional approach to put the guy away. But you can't get satisfactory results through the criminal justice system. It is

very much more difficult," Mr. Rider said. Andrew Large, chairman of Britain's primary regulator, the Securities and Investments Board, said in a speech last month: "I have often argued that the U.K.'s poor performance in tackling market abuse may be partly because of the number of organizations involved, but importantly and in addition it is also because we do not acknowledge that market abuse is primarily a civil regulatory concern and should be dealt with accordingly."

In the United States, the SEC pursues insider traders for damages through the civil courts. Insider traders can also be pursued through the criminal courts, but

this happens less frequently.

It may be some time before it becomes common for insider traders around the world to find themselves pursued through

the civil courts, however, Mr. Rider says that many countries that have recently introduced insider-trading laws for the first time have simply adopted a variation on the British system. In some cases they have been advised to introduce laws that Britain revised many years ago.

including an automatic locking But he added that as insider trading increasingly is treated as a civil offense, more and more countries seem likely to

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The Bogus Waiter and Other Card Frauds

By Barbara Wall

HEN Alex and Susan Lawrence silver wedding anniversary at a London restaurant earlier this year, the final bill came to more than they had bargained for: The couple ended up paying £370, or the equivalent of \$584, for a meal that should have cost just £70.

The Lawrences were not overcharged. They were the victims of an opportunistic credit-card fraudster who also happened to be their waiter.

The fraud was simple yet very effective. The waiter stood by and watched as Mr. Lawrence entered his personal identification number, or PIN, into the electronic card reader. Then, instead of returning the card, the waiter explained that he would have to check the card details with the issuing bank, as the reader appeared not to be rocheque and Mastercard-Euworking. He disappeared with the card for approximately five netic stripe cards may be less minutes — enough time to slip secure than others. "Masterminutes — enough time to slip outside and withdraw £300 from a nearby automated teller

from his lucrative excursion, he says. "Nonetheless, where the Lawrences were none the stripes are used for card auwiser. The fraud only came to light when they received a bank be a security risk." statement two weeks later.

Despite the Lawrences' exserience and other nortor sto ries of bogus ATMs and phantom cash withdrawals, card fraud does appear to be decreasing. Both Visa and Mastercard report that card fraud in Europe fell by as much as 30 percent in 1994. Figures provided by both card organizations suggest that card fraud worldwide currently represents just 0.09 percent of total sales volume.

The decline in card crime is reportedly due to the implementation of high-tech security solutions, including computer chip or smart-card technology, holograms and other personal-

ized security devices. Yet even these new systems nay be vulnerable to the machinations of clever card fraud-

sters, according to observers.
Abbey National, a major
3ritish bank, has recently had
o renew 600,000 Abbey Link
and because fraudsters reached its card security derank declined to comment on low the fraud was perpetrated, out a source at another promient British bank believes the raudsters used powerful binoculars to read card holders' PIN

with the information. Over a period of three years the bank has lost £1.2 million as celebrated their a result of this particular ATM

scam. It has since redesigned the Abbey Link card to prevent further security breaches. "The magnetic stripe found on the back of most payment cards was designed to prevent criminals from using stolen

PIN and account numbers to manufacture counterfeit plastic." says John Newton, detective chief inspector of the Organized Crime Squad at Scotland Yard in London. "While magnetic stripes have served the industry well for a number of years, it is now possible to compromise the system using a limited amount of stolen information, such as card PIN and account numbers."

Brian Bayliss, fraud manager for Brussels-based Europay Ltd., which encompasses Eumeard, admits that some magcard has introduced a number of additional security characters on its magnetic stripes to When the waiter returned make counterfeiting difficult,' thentication there will always

France has one of the best records in Europe for fighting started issuing smart cards in the early 1990s, card fraud has been reduced to 0.03 percent of

total sales volume.

Card issuers claim that smart cards cannot be counterfeited.

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and account numbers, then But Paul Trescases, a spokes-manufactured counterfeit cards man for Carte Bancaire, the French card organization, admits that there is one important weakness in the French security system: While microchip technology is used to validate smart

cards at electronic points of sale, many ATMs continue to validate cards by reading their magnetic stripes.

Fraudsters cannot replicate the smart-card chip, so they would not be able to use a counterfeit card at an electronic point of sale. Fraudsters could, the money stored on the card. however, replicate the magnetic stripe, attach the stripe to a pirated card and use this card at an ATM to withdraw money,' said Mr. Trescases. "As a result of this loophole, French banks have decided to upgrade their ATMs so that all cards will be authenticated by chip technology within five years.

National Westminster Bank in Britain has applied smartcard technology in its devel-opment of the Mondex card, an

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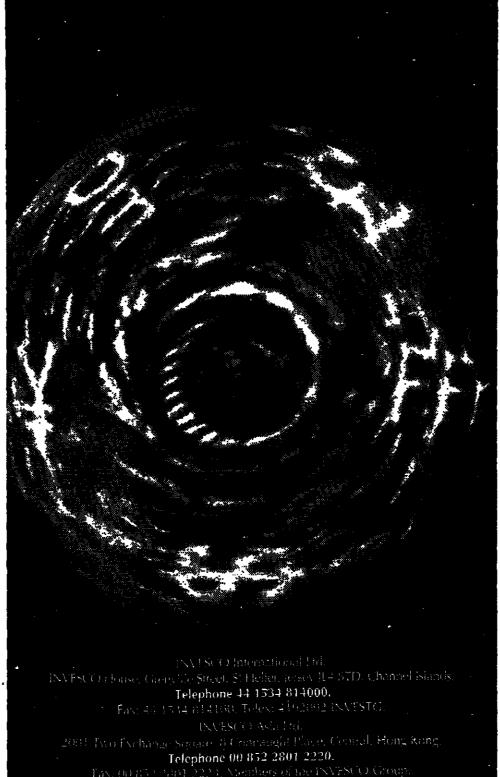
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Pippen's 15th Triple Double **Powers Bulls Over the Cavs**

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you don't have to decorate yourself like Dennis Rodman to take Rodman's place.

With Rodman nursing a sore call muscle, Pippen got a tripledouble Thursday night as the Chicago Bulls kept their record perfect by beating the Cleveland Cavaliers, 106-88.

Michael Jordan overcame a sluggish start and scored 29

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0 for the first time since 1987. Pippen had 18 points, 12 assists career triple-double.

Without Dennis out there. where we are going to struggle without Dennis, it's going to be rebounding for sure. Somebody had to make a conscious effort on the boards, and that was my

job tonight." Rodman, the outrageously who lost for the first time after tatooed forward who has led the opening the season with three league in rebounding for four years, hurt his left calf muscle on the last play of the Bulls' game Tuesday night against ing after drawing two quick Toronto. The Bulls listed him as technicals from replacement of-

day after that. Chicago led by as many as dragging him away. eight points in the first half, In the third qu

the floor. The Bulls didn't seem and missed 12 of 18 field goal Scottie Pippen proved that to get really interested in the attempts. A 17-6 run, highlightgame until the Cavs took a 67- ed by eight points from Smith, 64 lead with a 9-2 run late in the gave the Knicks a 67-57 lead third quarter, capped by Danny with 16,3 seconds left in the Ferry's short bank shot,

Jordan answered with two 3-72-67 lead.

into the fourth quarter, then hind by 20 points, and both ended all doubt with a 9-0 flurry teams pulled their starters. highlighted by the third of Jorpoints for the Bulls, who are 4- and it maintained a double-digit

margin the rest of the way.

**Micks 103, Pacers 95: Two and, perhaps of most impor-tance, 13 rebounds for his 15th arm from Charles Barkley broke his nose, New York's Charles Smith came off the to-chin jawing match in the first we were the same team we were bench to score 21 points and key last year," Pippen said. "If you a crucial third-quarter spurt that are going to look at any area rallied New York over Indiana.

Derek Harper led the host coach Don Ni Knicks with 22 points, Patrick to the bench, Ewing added 21 points, 14 rebounds and four blocks, and John Starks scored 18 points.

Coach Don Ni to the bench, Mavericks The Dallas proved to 4-0, Reggie Miller led the Pacers, who lost for the first time after

wins, with 27 points. was ejected with 4:54 remain- points in the final 3:05. ing after drawing two quick

In the third quarter, the even while Jordan and Pippen Knicks smothered Indiana, the rest of the way.
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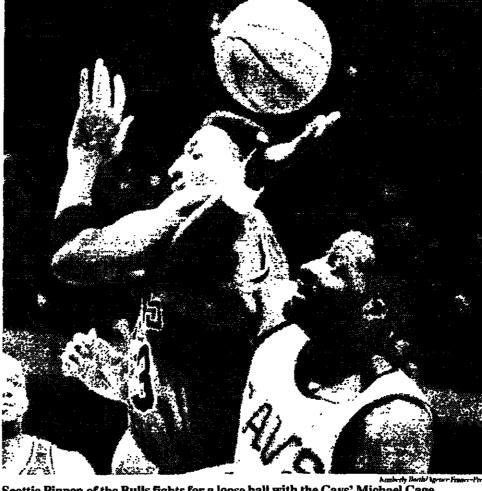
New York kept going in the pointers, and Pippen followed final quarter, increasing its lead with a dunk that gave the Bulls a to 83-67 on a 3-pointer by Harper with 7:07 left. After Brown They took a 74-69 advantage was tossed, the Pacers fell be-

Reggie Miller started off hot, dan's four 3-point shots. The hitting four of his first five shots and finishing the first half with 13 points. Early in the fourth quarter, he went to the bench after bruising his shooting hand but came back to finish with 27 points. He and his Knicks nemesis, Starks, got into a chinquarter as teammates tried to separate the two. Before the argument could escalate, Knicks 🖟 coach Don Nelson sent Starks

> Mayericks 104, Bucks 94: The Dallas Mavericks improved to 4-0, quite a feat for a team that went 13-69 during the 1993-94 season.

Jamal Mashburn scored 27 points and Jason Kidd 22, while Indiana coach Larry Brown Jim Jackson added eight key

Dallas wasted most of an 18point third-quarter lead as Mildoubtful for Saturday night's ficials, but refused to leave the game against Portland, day-to-court until assistants Gar Heard 3:25 to play. But Jackson hit a 3-pointer on the Mavericks' next possession, and the Dallas



Scottie Pippen of the Bulls fights for a loose ball with the Cavs' Michael Cage.

Lorenzo Williams, the Maver-field. icks' undersized center at 6foot-8 (2 meters), had 12 re-

and forward Popeye Jones

grabbed 15 rebounds. Dallas won the game from 3- 18 on 8-for-8 shooting for the point range, where the Mav- visiting Hawks. lead never fell below five points ericks were 11-for-23. Kidd

14 rebounds for the Bucks. Dallas shot 52 percent from the

Steve Smith had 28 points as bounds and four blocked shots, Atlanta defeated Golden State. Andrew Lang added 20 points and Stacey Augmon had

No. I draft pick Joe Smith was 4-for-8 and Mashburn 3- had 30 points and Rony Seikaly and had no points in 35 min-Vin Baker had 29 points and for-7 from behind the arc, as added 27 - 17 in the first quar-

ter - for the Warriors. Tim Hardaway had 23 points, but Latrell Sprewell went scoreless

for the first time in his career. The Hawks shot 57 percent and the Warriors hit 56 percent of their shots.

eraging 18 points per game, missed all seven of his shots

Flyers Melt Flames

The Assurtated Press Ron Hextall is back, and

feisty as ever. With less than 10 minutes to little chance to win. play Thursday night against the

first NHL goal, and the reponse was vintage Hextall. He smacked his stick on the ice, breaking it in half - even though the Flyers were leading 2-1. Hextall, who had missed

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nine games with a pulled harnstring, didn't allow another score as Philadelphia went on to a 3-1 victory. He stopped 19 shots.

"Oh, come on, that's my first one all year," Hextall said when asked about the broken stick, "I think I've been pretty darn good. I wasn't really happy about the rebound. I felt I should have had that one."

Hextall is 5-0-0 this season. The Flyers must have been happy to get Hextall back in the net. Philadelphia had gotten off to a 5-0-1 start before he was injured and slumped to a 3-4-2 mark while he was out.

Philadelphia's Joel Otto. who played 10-plus seasons with Calgary, made his debut against his former team. Otto broke open a third-period scoreless tie with a goal and assisted on another as the substitute center for Eric Lindros on the Legion of Doom line.

Black Hawks 5, Canucks 2: Goalie Ed Belfour was spec-Sprewell, who came in av-raging 18 points per game, play was clicking as Chicago beat Vancouver for the 10th consecutive time.

The Canucks outshot Chica-

go 51-25. But between Belfour's brilliance and their own incompetence, they had

Playing for the first time since Calgary Flames, Hextall gave a back injury sidelined him two up a bad rebound in the slot that weeks ago, Belfour made 49 resulted in Pavel Torgajev's saves. He was especially sharp in the second period, when at

> on point-blank shots. Alexander Mogilny scored his 13th goal for Vancouver. tying Pittsburgh's Mario Lemieux and Jaromir Jagr for the NHL lead.

least five of his 17 saves came

Panthers 2, Ollers 1: Johan Garpenlov ended night of frustration for Florida on the power play when he scored at 12:17 of the third pe-

riod to lift the Panthers over Edmonion. The victory was a teamrecord fifth straight for the Panthers, who lead the Atlantic Di-

vision with a 12-4-0 record for 24 points, the most in the The Bruins improved their record against Onawa to 17-0.

outshooting the Senators 51-16 and overcoming a two-goal deficit. Don Sweeney's power-play goal at 11:39 of the third period

put Boston ahead 3-2, and Cam Neely added an unassisted goal 33 seconds later as the Bruins won their second straight game after losing three in a row. Ayalanche 1, Stars 1:

Colorado outshot Dallas 30-18, but only got a goal from Troy Murray and settled for a

The tie snapped a franchisebest eight-game winning streak for the Avalanche, who are 6-0-

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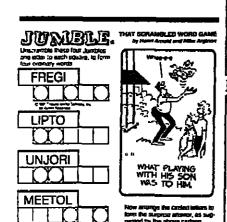
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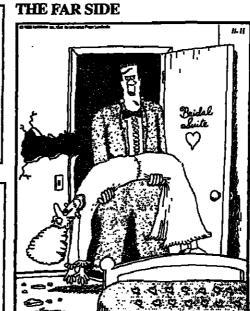








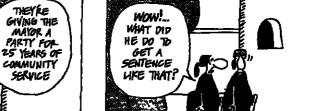








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ire Agassi swats a backhand

gassi Bows Out

news Andre Agassi, sidelined by a test injury that cost him the No. 1 nking, has withdrawn from the ason-ending ATP Tour World nampionship on Nov. 14-19 at ankfurt.

"Very regrettably, I have to thoraw from the ATP Tour World nampionship," Agassi said. "I'm viously very disappointed, as one my goals was to finish the year at

Agassi, who lost the top spot to te Sampras on Monday, strained a storal muscle during the United ites' Davis Cup semifinal victory er Sweden in September and reured it two weeks ago during the rocard Open in Essen, Germany. "There has not been ample time my recovery," Agassi said. herefore, this condition has sisted. However, I am in hopes of

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urning for Davis Cup in Russia in

Sweden's Jesper Parnevik ebrated a hole-in-one then finished th two bogeys to allow the U.S. m of Davis Love and Fred suples to increase its lead to four okes in the World Cup of Golf. "I had a bit of a bad finish," said mevik, who used a 5-iron to ace : 205-yard 15th hole. "We wasted me shots out there and we are still uting for the day ıy well.''

Love shot a 6-under-par 67 and uples added a 69 for a 19-under 9 total for two rounds on the Jack klaus-designed ITPC at Mission



Finnish driver Mika Hakkinen had his head supported just after the crash.

Finn Driver Severely Hurt In Grand Prix Time Trial

ADELAIDE, Australia - Finnish driver Mika Hakkinen was unconscious in the intensive care unit of the Royal Adelaide Hospital late Friday after suffering serious head injuries in an accident just 13 minutes into the first qualifying session for Sunday's Australian Grand Prix.

The hospital said in a statement issued by its chief executive, Brendon Kearney, that Hakkinen was in a "serious but stable condition." He remained unconscious and under sedation and ventilation, the normal

management for head injuries.
"While the neurological situation will be unpredictable for the next few days, progress so far is satisfactory," the statement said. The hospital said X-rays and scans had shown no evidence of injuries to other parts of Hakkinen's body.

Hakkinen's McLaren-Mercedes spun out of control at a right-hand corner leading into the main straight. It hit the curb hard, flew through the air backwards and slammed sideways into a tire barrier. Hakkinen was traveling at 250 kilometers per hour (155.5 miles per hour) when he entered the corner.

The qualifying session was immediately halted and Hakkinen, his face bloody, was treated in the cockpit of the car for 15 minutes before being taken from the car on a stretcher and transported from the street in an ambulance to the nearby hospital.

'The whole team is extremely distressed," said McLaren managing director
Ron Dennis. "At moments like these you

Australian race. are a family sharing a mixture of emotions. our thoughts will be with him through the circuit. next critical few days."

sition in a Williams-Renault.

hard Berger of Austria conducted an in- Grand Prix.

spection of the track early Friday evening with Roland Bruynseraede of Belgium, the official starter and FIA safety officer.

The trio was observed checking the course at several corners on the circuit. including the one where Hakkinen crashed, and Schumacher said the drivers had reested the tire barriers be reinforced and increased at three places on the course

"It is just a case of getting enough tires tomorrow," Hill said. conference on Thursday that the circuit has a lot of tight corners and is bumpy and dusty" but Dennis said he believed a tire failure was the major contributing factor to

the accident. 'Having studied the data and inspected the car there is absolutely no doubt that the left-hand rear tire suffered a rapid deflation, as the result of a cut tire which was almost certainly caused by Mika running over some track debris." he said.

Hakkinen, who is 27 and single, has raced in 63 grands prix, finishing second twice — including at the Japanese Grand Prix in Suzuka two weeks ago. He underwent an operation for appendicitis a month ago and returned to action at Suzuka. A resident of Monte Carlo, Helsinkiborn Hakkinen began racing karts at the age of six and made his Formula One debut with the Lotus-Judd team in 1991.

He finished fourth in the world chamseventh place going into the season-ending

start of the Portuguese Grand Prix in Two-time world champion Michael September and his compatriot Aguri Suzu-Schumacher of Germany, Hill and two- ki suffered a fractured rib when he crashed time Australian Grand Prix winner Ger- during a practice session for the Japanese

What's Gone Wrong With the 49ers? The Cowboys Plan to Give Answers

In New York, It's Payback Time for Raiders' Hostetler

By Timothy W. Smith

49ers (5-4) at Cowboys (8-1): Key stats: The Cowboys have the league's leading rushing offense (160.7 yards a game). The 49ers have the league's leading rushing

defense (58.8 yards a game).

Comment: This matchup has lost a lot of luster now that the 49ers don't even resemble the team that won the Super Bowl back in January. Quarterback Steve Young has missed the last four games with a serious shoulder injury. He's pushing to start on Sunday. If he does, though, how effective will he be after a four-game layoff? Prediction: Dallas 36-19.

Raiders (7-2) at Giants (3-6): Key stats: The Raiders are 3-0 in the Eastern Time Zone this season. Giants' defense is ranked No. 28 in first downs allowed.

Comment: This is Jeff Hostetler's first me against his old team since he left as a free agent in 1993. Dan Reeves's decision

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will come back to bite him. Hostetler is having an outstanding year, while Dave Brown is in a quagmire of ineffectiveness. Prediction: Oakland 31-17.

Colts (5-4) at Saints (3-6): Key stats: Ten of the Colts' 11 games have been decided by a touchdown or less. The Saints' 30 Hakkinen had commented at a press sacks are tied with the Jets for the most in

> Comment: Jim Harbaugh has a strained groin muscle and is listed as questionable. The Colts wanted to go with Paul Justin, World League MVP, but he's out with a shoulder injury. Now they have to go with Craig Erickson, whom they traded for in the preseason to be the starter. What a mess. And just a few weeks ago the Colts looked as if they had it all together. Prediction: New Orleans 24-15.

Falcons (6-3) at Bills (6-3): Key stats: The Falcons' offense is a league-low 27.6 percent on touchdown conversions inside the red zone (eight touchdowns on 20 trips inside the 20). The Bills' Jim Kelly has not thrown an interception in 140 completions,

a span of four games.

Comment: The 6-3 start is the best for the Falcons since 1980, and a victory can give them a stronger grip on the NFC West.
They easily manhandled the Lions last pionship standings last year and was in week. Eric Metcalf has provided quarterback Jeff George with an inviting target, ustralian race.

and George has taken advantage of it 66
The Adelaide circuit is regarded as one times this season. Bills Coach Mary Levy We know that Mika is in good hands and of the safest on the 17-race Formula One returned to the team this week after missing the past four games following prostate can-The injury to Hakkinen was the most cer surgery. Prediction: Atlanta 28-25.

of Britain claiming provisional pole po- injuries after his Tyrrell overturned at the touchdown passes in the last three games out. Prediction: Tampa Bay 25-20.

against the Patriots. New England is last in the NFL in points scored with 133.

Comment: Since the return of Dan Maridemons in San Diego last week. The Patriots aren't nearly as haunting. The Dol-phins have beaten them in the last three meetings. The Patriots need this game if they are going to make a run at the playoffs. Prediction: Miami 31-26.

Bengals (3-6) at Oilers (4-5): Key stats: The Bengals' Jeff Blake has thrown seven touchdowns and no interceptions in the last two games against Houston. The Oilers have won the last 10 games against the Bengals in the Astrodome.

Comment: The last two games between these two teams have produced 13 touch-downs. With two of the hottest quarterbacks in the AFC - Blake and Chris Chandler - manning the controls, it could be another aerial show. These two teams are quite similar, Prediction: Cincinnati 25-

wks (3-6) at Jaguars (3-6): Key stats: Seattle's defense has given up 20 touchdowns via the pass. Of Jacksonville's 16 touchdowns, 11 have come through the

Comment: It has been a miserable season for Seattle quarterback Rick Mirer. Last year, he looked as if he was on track to develop into a good young quarterback. He was benched two weeks ago. Now, he's back as the starter by default (John Friesz is out with a shoulder injury). Meanwhile, Mark Brunell has blossomed in Jacksonville. Prediction: Jacksonville 22-16.

Panthers (4-5) at Rams (5-4): Key stats: Carolina is scoring on just 33.3 percent of its opportunities in the red zone, second worst in the NFC. The Rams are next to last in the league in third-down efficiency, converting just 32.2 percent of their attempts.

Comment: St. Louis gets to christen its new TransWorld Dome, and the Rams certainly don't want to tarnish it with a sloppy loss. So expect the players to have an emotional edge. The Panthers are feeling very confident now that they've knocked off the 49ers. Prediction: St. Louis 29-18.

Bucs (5-4) at Lions (3-6): Key stats: The Bucs' defense has allowed just 12 touch-downs — the fewest in the league behind the 49ers (10). The Lions' defense is allowing quarterbacks to complete 62.6 percent of passes, the second-worst mark in Comment: Lions Coach Wayne Fontes

has been issued an ultimatum by team owner William Clay Ford: Make the playoffs or hit the road. This game is a must if the Lions are to have any shot at making the most people would have considered a pre-playoffs. Fontes is 2-0 in pressure games lude to the AFC championship game. Now. ter a delay of 45 minutes with Damon Hill Ukyo Katayama escaped with only slight Miami's Irving Fryar has caught five this year, but his luck might have just run it's a battle for playoff survival. Prediction:

Nomo Is Selected NL Rookie of the Year

Bears (8-3) at Packers (5-4): Key stats: The Bears' offensive line has given up an league-low five sacks. Packers receiver no from a knee injury, the Dolphins are
Robert Brooks leads the NFL in thirdgetting back on track. They exercised some
down receptions with 20 for 293 vards and down receptions with 20 for 293 yards and four touchdowns.

Comment: Brett Farve is hurt. Backup Ty Denner is hurt. T.J. Rubley might get the nod. Couple that with a gimpy Reggie White, and the Packers are in big trouble. White said he might try to play. We've seen it before, so don't count him out. But how effective on the pass rush will he be with a bum knee? Prediction: Chicago 31-17.

Chiefs (8-1) at Chargers (4-5): Key stats; The Chiefs' Marcus Allen is converting 80 percent of his third-and-1 rushing artempts. The Chargers' defense is allowing a 58.6 percent touchdown-conversion rate inside the red zone, worst in the AFC.

Comment: The Chargers will go into this game without Natrone Means, the leading rusher in the AFC, who is out with a pulled groin muscle. That's too bad for San Diego, because Means would have allowed them to control the ball and keep Steve Bono off the field. Bono is dangerous. Prediction: Kansas City 29-16.

Vikings (4-5) at Cardinals (3-6); Key stats: The Vikings are third in the NFC in rushing defense, but 25th in passing defense. The Cardinals have 13 takeaways in their last four games.

Comment: The Vikings battered Green Bay last week and escaped on a last-second field goal by Fuad Reveiz. They had a slew of turnovers in that game. They'll need to correct that problem against Arizona. The Cardinals have been trying hard to jump start their offense with running back Garrison Hearst. Minnesota 19-14.

Broncos (5-4) at Eagles (5-4): Key stats: The Broncos' defense has 15 sacks in the last five games compared with five in the first four games. The Eagles have given up seven touchdowns on returns, the most in Comment: Former 49ers coordinators

hook up in a battle of West Coast disciples. Now, we'll see which team has the better handle on the quick-hitting, yards-after-the-catch multiple offense. Prediction: Philadelphia 27-23.

Browns (4-5) at Steelers (5-4): Key stats: The Browns' defense has the worst thirddown efficiency in the league (50.4 percent). Steelers quarterbacks have thrown 17 interceptions, tying Seartle for the most in the NFL.

Comment: This will be the Browns' first game since owner Art Modell announced he is moving the team to Baltimore. Before the season started, this was a game that Pittsburgh 27-21.

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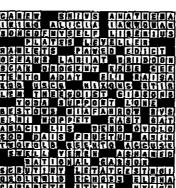
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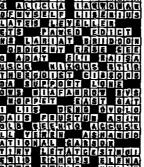
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The Los Angeles Dodgers continued their supremacy over the National League award named for perhaps the game's most memorable first-year player when pitcher Hideo Nomo was voted Thursday as winner of the Jackie Robinson rookie of the year award.

By Claire Smith New York Times Service

Nomo, 27, the first Japanese-born player to earn post-season honors and a crowdpleasing sensation, edged out Atlanta Braves third baseman Chipper Jones in voting by the Baseball Writers Association of America. It marked the fourth year in a row that a

Dodger player has been named rookie of the year, the second time the club has dominated the award for that stretch of time. This was also the 15th time over all that a Brooklyn or Los Angeles Dodger rookie won, giving the franchise more than twice as many of the awards as any other The Cincinnati Reds are the Dodgers'

closest rivals in the National League in the category with six recipients. The New York Yankees, Baltimore Orioles (once the St. Louis Browns) and Minnesota Twins (once the Washington Senators) each have seven rookies of the year.

Nomo followed immediately in the foot-



The Dodgers' Japanese-born pitcher Hideo Nomo in action this season.

steps of Raul Mondesi, Mike Piazza and writers in each league city. Howard, Jim Lefebvre, Ted Sizemore, call.

Rick Sutcliffe, Steve Howe, Fernando Valenzuela and Steve Sax. Nomo won on the strength of a 13-6 record and 2.54 earned run average and a league strikeout crown (236 strikeouts in 191 1/3 innings).

He was an experienced pitcher from the Japanese major leagues when he signed with the Dodgers as a free agent last winter. In fact, he was named rookie of the year in the Japanese league in 1990 and was a fivetime all-star. When he arrived in Los Angeles, the poised and polished Nomo created an aura much like that of Valenzuela 14 years before him.

Using a tornado-like delivery, Nomo mesmerized batters. He also mesmerized baseball, leading to a start in the All-Star Game when the perennial Cy Young Award winner Greg Maddux was hurt. Nomo also proved an attendance draw in an off season at the box office, as he brought out Japanese and Americans of Japanese descent in great numbers whenever he pitched.

Nomo received 18 first-place votes and finished with 118 points in balloting by the 28-member committee consisting of two

Eric Karros and carried out the Dodger "For the next season, I'd like to target tradition established by Robinson, Don the World Series," Nomo said from Japan Newcombe, Joe Black, Jim Gilliam, Frank through a translator during a conference

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Tales of the Blowgun League

Coconut Grove, which is one of the more bizarre sections of Miami, which is definitely saying something, and I noticed there were a lot of people there carrying there were a lot of people there carrying Both weeks I was there, bands were play-

One of the guiding principles in my life has always been: "Never hang around with people who have access to both mixed drinks and dart-shooting weapons." But these people seemed friendly, so I got to talking to them. It turned out that they were

a blowgun league.
This was the idea of Leonard King, a professional artist and a Taurus regular (although, to be honest, the word 'regular' does not really apply to anybody who frequents this establishment). King is also the man who came up with the idea of zipping out the other end very fast — Clown Racing. The way that happened PHHHHTTTTT - and flies straight and was, he was shopping in a discount store true directly into something other than the called MacFrugal's, and he found a bat-target. At least that's what my darts did.

tery-powered toy clown.
"The clown moved around erratically," said King. "It was a bumper-car type of

into the night; then he'd come up, put his arm on my shoulder, and give me advice.

"You're jerking!" he'd say, exhaling smoke directly into my ear. "You've got to relax! Don't worry about what the other people are saying."

"What are the other people saying?" I asked.
"Don't worry about "'"

"What are the other people saying?" I asked.
"Don't worry about "'" them to Taurus and staged Clown Racing,

Sometime later, King decided to purchase a blowgun, and for an excellent reason. "I

a blowgun, and for an excellent reason. "I always wanted a blowgun," he said.

So he purchased (why not?) 35 blowguns.
"I knew I could seli them," he said. And he was right. Virtually all of the Taurus regulars wanted one. A typical example is Dan Ricker, a businessman, who said: "This was right after Hurricane Andrew. All my neighbors were armed, and all I had was a machete. So I ungraded to a blowgun."

chete. So I upgraded to a blowgun."

Ricker, King and an eclectic coeducational group of a dozen or so other blowguners, mostly over 40, have been competing at Taurus every other Monday night lic safety, I'm going to skip the darts. for several years now. They set up the targets

Knight-Ridder Newspapers

IAMI — Recently I was in a restau-rant-bar called Taurus, which is in Coconut Grove, which is one of the more bizarre sections of Miami, which is def-blowing darts only a few feet away from the sidewalk. But they observe the rules of safe blowgunning (Rule No. 1: Do NOT inhale)

ing in the bar; competitors, between turns, would wander inside and dance, sometimes still holding their blowguns.

On my second visit to the blowgun league, I borrowed a gun and entered the competition. The blowguns are lightweight tubes maybe 40 inches long; the darts are

As it became clear how truly bad I was, I began to receive coaching from a guy named id King. "It was a bumper-car type of own."

Nick, who took blowgunning — there's always somebody like this — seriously. He'd stand off to the side, puffing on a

"Don't worry about it," he said.

Nick's advice didn't work. It was just like when I was in Little League, and I'd be batting, and my coach, Mr. Parker, would yell: "Keep your eye on the ball!" I'd want to yell back: "No! I'm busy squinting!" But instead I'd just keep my mouth shut and strike out as quickly as possible. and strike out as quickly as possible.

Similarly, I shot my blowgun darts as fast as I could and retired to the bar. This turned out to be an O.K. strategy, because I wound up with the evening's worst score, which meant I won the "Low Blow" award, which meant I got \$5, which is the most I've ever won in any kind of athletic competition. In fact, I plan to compete again, and next ourself in the using my own blowgun. Although, in the interest of public sefety. I'm soing to skin the dark

The Ins and Outs of French First Names

International Herald Tribun

DARIS — As Coco Chanel pointed out, fashion is I made in order to become unfashionable, which is all very well if you are selling dresses but not great if you are named Mauricette or Alphonse and your friends are Kevin and Camille.

In fact, Kevin and Camille are already slipping and it will, in 1996, be more chic to be an Alexandre or Manon. Marie, which has been suprisingly modish for quite a

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while, is fading in favor of Isabelle, which is in turn threatened by Nathalie. Put Jean in mothballs and bring out Michel, which will not be dethroned by Philippe until the year 2018.

Fashions in French names are further dictated by such accessories as regional preferences: Justine is hanging on in the north while Jordan is positively exploding in Lorraine. The Breton Corentin might well win national favor, in imitation of similar names ending in "in" such as Quentin and Valentin, Alsace likes Lucas, the Loire Simon. Normandy is high on Hélène but Provence is not.

These are the findings in "La Cote des prénoms 1996," an annual study published by Balland and compiled by Philippe Besnard, a professor of sociology, and Guy Desplanques of the National Institute of Demographic Studies. (Guy as a first name hasn't been fashionable since 1931, while Philippe's popularity reached its heights, particularly in the middle classes, in the early 1950s.)

The book has attracted wide attention, not only among expectant parents, but among followers of fashion, which covers the rest of the French population. The risks of being given a name that is dans le vent only to be démodé for the rest of one's life are well outlined, as well as the likelihood of one's class and age being revealed by a parent's careless

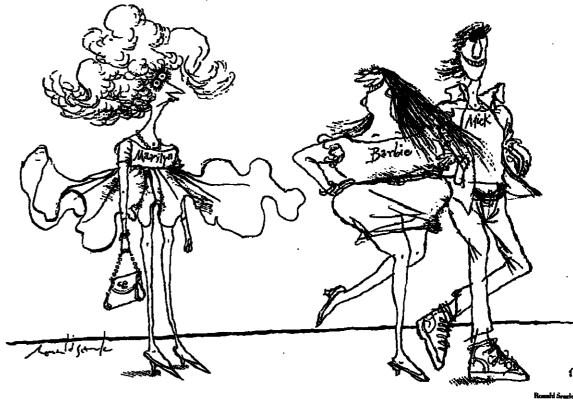
choice.

A Christine, for example, should be 20 years younger than a Christiane, a Charlotte would be socially top

Until 1993 the choice of first names was dictated by French laws that decreed which names were acceptable. Since then the choice has been free unless it is decided that the name is contrary to the interests of the child. Thus, two years ago the choice of Babar for a baby girl was turned down (Céleste would presumably have been all right).

The authors point out that no name is in itself pretty or ugly: When Marcel Proust was born in 1871 his first name was in fashion and remained so when he was 30. Had he been born in 1961 his name would have been, in the authors' words, "so worn out as to be unseemly.

Classic French names may seem a safe bet but how to explain that Anne and François are slipping while Antoine is on the rise? In general such names slip less quickly than novelites such as Dylan but their renewal, the authors warn, is preceded by a period of disaffection verging on purgatory.



Spelling also counts. Thus Héloïse is more chic than Eloise. Matthieu is more bourgeois than Mathieu. Lorraine is O.K. in BCBG circles, Laurène is not. Brendan has arrived, Brenda is not even mentioned.

Under the old law, Anglo-American names were kept firmly in check. With the new freedom, and media influences, a whole new breed of names has flourished. Sullivan, Donovan, Brandon, Kelly, from the TV series Santa Barbara," Alison from "Peyton Place" (which took a while to get to France) have arrived, as well as names such as Edwin, which is hard to pronounce, and Marvin which is hard to imagine. The aging rocker Johnny Hallyday has helped popularize two names: Adeline (exgirlfriend) and Estelle (present daughter-in-law).

Audrey is popular with office workers, Brigitte, second favorite in 1959, has faded with Bardor. Marilyn followed Monroe's rise and death. Edith never ranked high, even when Piaf was at ber peak. The authors attribute the brief popularity of Peggy to "Miss Peggy" [sic] of "The Muppet Show."

For men, Emile is on its way back and Arthur is dans 1920s. Nationwide, Jordan hasn't been popular since Scott.

1992. Yannis and Joris are on the rise. Nicolas is a safe bet and Nathan full of promise. It is better, but not a lot better, to be Steven than Stephane. Thomas is old hat,

Tom at the pioneering stage.

Victor's return is imminent; it would be wiser to bet on Jeanne, Louise or Marguerite than on Berthe, Simone or

Lindsay, Madison, Nelson, Nils and Jade — names unexpected in a hidebound country of fence-sitting hyphenates and homages to godparents and saints. A bigger change in France's social structure is afoot than the authors suggest, and once again the sharpest observer is the cartoonist Claire Bretécher, astute recorder of the urban middle-class scene.

Her latest book features a surly Paris teenager named Agrippine whose chums have names like Crysalide, Morphée, Morose, Moonlight and Jericho. Others in the clique are Pilate Girond, Psyché, Chia, Méloppée, Legroin, Persil Wagonnet and, most wonderfully, Transi Macdo.

Agrippine also has an uncle, paunchy, pony-tailed and eternally young. Known as Jean-Mi (from Jean-Michel), le vent for 1996, but Albert has been in decline since the he has made it clear that from now on he is to be called

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On the Road With an Art 'Picker' in the U.S. South

By Patricia Leigh Brown New York Times Service

VALDOSTA, Georgia — Somewhere on Interstate 75 between Lake City, Florida, and Valdosta, Georgia, just past midnight, Jimmy Allen, folk-art scout extraordinaire, pulled into his fifth McDonald's of the day, ordered coffee and a cherry pie, and opened his diary — a scribbled, somewhat chaotic compendium of unusual Southern antiques and their equally beguiling owners or makers.

On a desk builder in Sapelo Island, Georgia: "Goes to bed early, as soon as the chickens do.'

On an undiscovered folk artist in north Florida: "Worried I was going to copy his work and make a million dollars. Wife left him because he didn't have time for her. He told her she was right."

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Washington and the Abby Aldrich Rock- now in the Atlanta History Center. efeller Folk Art Center in Williamsburg, Pickers have traditionally been the botmiles each year.

He has had his driver's license revoked twice — and counting. To get to a great find, he explained, speeding past a chorus line of billboards, "95 isn't too fast to go."

His destinations are everyday depositories of wonder: the cupboards, smoke- with having helped "legitimize" Southern seconds before he faded away, houses, porches, attics, gardens, garages The 41-year-old Allen has been a "pick- and family graveyards, sometimes rat- icent African-American button-quilt."

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Forecast for Sunday through Tuesday, as provided by Accu-Weather

er" for 20 years, one of the great no-see-tlesnake-infested, that, with luck and ca-ums of the antiques world, scouring the joling, can yield the stuff of history. Allen has eyes that can size up junk the

In his pursuit of forgotten Southern rural way bass size up crawfish, looking for "a dered that the British-born material culture — backcountry quilts, texture, a glint, something on which to rest Princess Salimah withdraw 23 jugs, Civil War-era wedding garments, family albums and, especially, African-American furniture and art, the best of which he sold to the High Museum of Art in been turned upside down and was being used Atlanta, the Smithsonian Institution in as a coffee table. ("I was dumbstruck!") It is

Virginia — Allen drives roughly 42,000 tom-feeders of the antiques world, "taking two friends in a New York hothings from people, like you were out hunting deer," in Allen's words. "When you Jerusalem: Prime Minister say picker, connoisseurship is not a word that leaps to mind," said Lynda Roscoe Hartigan, a curator at the National Museum of Art in Washington. She credits Allen pottery and objects, including a magnif- a few seconds to grasp what

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cyclone will spread from
northeastern India and
Bangladesh to south-central
China, causing heavy rain,
Sooul will have rain Sunday
and Monday, then will be
chilly. Tokyo will have showers Sunday and Monday.
Some rain is possible in
Hong Kora.

PEOPLE GENEVA court ruled Fri-

Aday that the former wife of the Aga Khan could sell her ewelry collection, valued at \$15 million, at auction next week despite the Aga Khan's objections. But the judge orminor lots valued at less than \$200,000 from the sale and sold to the Aga Khan.

Amos Oz, Israel's most celebrated writer, was sitting with Yitzhak Rabin had been shot. The writer's first reaction stung him. "Is he hit in the head or the body? Did he have a few was happening?" The two had been friends for years, but their closeness dissolved in 1982 when Oz publicly criticized Rabin for failing to condemn the Israeli invasion of Lebanon. Now conversations Oz wished they could have had fill the writer's head. "It is tormenting me, I have not slept since the assassination," Oz said. "I am sad about the wasted time.

Calvin and Hobbes, the terrible tyke and his sidekick tiger, will be retired from the funny ges on Dec. 31. The cartoonist Bill Watterson said, "I believe I've done what I can do within the constraints of daily deadlines and small panels. I am eager to work at a more thoughtful pace, with fewer artistic compromises." Calvin and Hobbes began appearing in newspaper comic pages in 1986.

The Norwegian explorer Borge Ousland has embarked on a 2,700-kilometer (1,700mile) crossing of the Antarctic to the South Pole, which he hopes to complete in a record



COMMAND PERFORMANCE — Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands watching dancers at a Washington school.

North Pole without air support or mechanical aid, left the northern extreme of Berkner Island in the Weddel Sea. Ous- has made Jackson the female land's aim is to follow the path artist with the most gold mapped out at the beginning of records. the century by Ernest Henry Shackleton. He is hot on the heels of the Briton Roger Mear, who set off on the same journey earlier this month.

Janet Jackson has struck

100 days. Ousland, 33, who was from her new album "Janet the first explorer to reach the Jackson - Design of a Decade 1986/1996." The song, which has sold four million copies worldwide in only one month,

much as I can."

Kazuo Ishiguro, whose novel "The Remains of the won the Booker Prize in 1989, received the Order of the British Empire from Prince Charles at Buckingham Riva, 70, was in Bonn for an gold for a record 17th time with Palace. The award, for services "Runaway," the first single to literature, was announced in bilia that Riva sold to the city.

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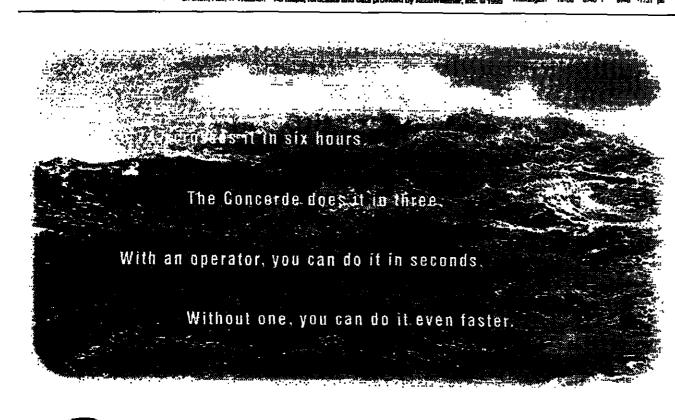
The Red Hot Chili Pepg hs have postponed a U.S. four scheduled to begin next week because the group's drummer, Chad Smith broke his wrist playing baseball. The funk-rock hand will reschedule the shows.

but no dates have been set.

Former President Gerald Ford revealed a private side to a number of people in a curious incident reported by the New York Observer. During the R cent 50th anniversary cent monies at the United Nations. Ford went to a New York hos pital complaining of what appeared to be indigestion. Doctors told him to walk it off. So he did. Dressed only in a backless hospital gown, the forme president walked up and down the hospital corridor diligently followed by several Secret Service agents and his valet.

Bruce Willis and Demi Moore want the one thing they can't get in Hollywood -normal life. Willis said on the TV show "Extra" that they had moved to Hailey, Idah from Los Angeles for the sake of their three children. Willis' mother, Marlena, lives i town. "Hollywood is or can be a very toxic place." Willis said. "And I'm trying to keep that away from my kids

Marlene Dietrich was at Joan Crawford. "She neve hit. But she could look at yo and turn you to ice," said Dietrich's daughter, Maria Riva wrote an unflattering book about her movie-star mom. "I was he handmaid. She was the queen. exhibition of Dietrich memora



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